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'Trade deal must respect New Delhi's red lines'

Any trade deal between India and the US has to respect New Delhi's "red lines" and efforts are on to find a "landing ground", External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Sunday, amid strain in ties between the two countries over Washington's policy on tariffs. He added that an understanding on trade between the two sides was necessary, as the US is the world's largest market, but at the same time he noted that India's red lines should be respected.

ALMANAC TODAY

Monday: 06.10.2025 • Year: Vishwavasu • Ayana: Dakhsinayana • Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Aswayuja • Paksha: Sukla • Tithi: Chaturdasi 11.10 am • Nakshatra: Uttharabhadra 4.47 am • Moon in Mesha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER

MIN 19°C | MAX 28°C

FORECAST: Isolated tstorms. Cloudiness

Sunrise 06.09 am | Sunset 06.06 pm | Moonrise 05.29 pm | Moonset 05.06 am

Big task: Will caste survey meet the deadline in city?

45 minutes per house, tech glitch, login issues causing delay

INDRA S @ Bengaluru

WITH each enumerator assigned to survey between 283 and 300 households within 15 days, and over 32 lakh homes to be covered across Bengaluru for the socio-economic and educational survey (popularly called caste survey), concerns are mounting over whether the exercise can meet its 15-day deadline. Given that enumerators reportedly take about 45 minutes per household, coupled with recurring technical issues, the pace of progress has become a major point of discussion.

The survey, which began on Saturday, saw a slow start across the city owing to technical glitches, long travel distances, protests from enumerators, and a lack of familiarity with the application interface. By the end of the first day, only 22,141 surveys had been completed across the five corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority limits.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, Girija, an enumerator, sharing her experience on the second day, said, "On the first day, it took 35 to 45 minutes as we were still getting used to the app. By the second day, I could work a little faster, but at least 30 minutes per household is needed in the most ideal situation." She added that meeting the target is possible "if there are no technical or health issues during the survey."

Total number of houses surveyed (till Sunday)

Central City Corporation	14,288
East City Corporation	17,269
North City Corporation	31,363
South City Corporation	16,445
West City Corporation	40,112
Total Households Surveyed	1,19,477

A field officer supervising a ward, however, pointed out that several enumerators had not yet received their login credentials, preventing them from beginning work. "The target is achievable, provided people are available at home and ready to answer," he said.

Former Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) director D Rajasekhar told The New Indian Express that enumerators would "gradually develop expertise" as the survey progresses. "Initially, it may take 45 minutes per household, but with experience, that time will reduce," he said.

He, however, cautioned that data quality could suffer if enumerators continue facing technical or logistical challenges. Stressing the importance of a well-designed questionnaire, he said, "Designing a questionnaire is an artful process. It should have four essential components: logic, sequencing, easily understandable questions, and interviewers trained to translate and convey questions clearly in a way respondents can grasp."

He further said that it should balance logic, sequencing, and clarity, and be tested for timing and comfort. "We usually classify questions as 'nice to have,' 'important,' or 'critical,' and drop the first two when time is limited," he added.

Meanwhile, there have been alleged instances of students being used for conducting the survey in parts of Bengaluru. However, there is no confirmation from official sources on the same.

CM Siddaramaiah pays his respects to late TJS George in Bengaluru on Sunday (left); The veteran journalist was bid a final adieu with full state honours | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

VETERAN JOURNALIST TJS GEORGE CREMATED WITH FULL STATE HONOURS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE final rites of veteran journalist, writer and columnist TJS George were held with full state honours in Bengaluru on Sunday, marking the end of an era in Indian journalism.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah laid a wreath to pay his final respects as the Tricolour-draped mortal remains of the Padma Bhushan awardee were kept for public homage between 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm at the Hebbal crematorium. The CM offered his condolences to the family members.

Family members, colleagues from the fraternity of journalism, students and admirers gathered to bid a solemn farewell to a man whose words had shaped public thought for decades. Before the cremation, George's family and close friends came together in a quiet moment of prayer and reflection, remembering his wit, courage, and unwavering commitment to truth.

Widely respected for his sharp intellect and fearless voice, George's celebrated column "Point of View" had for years set the tone for public debate and inspired generations of readers and journalists alike.

TJS was ailing from age-related problems for some time, with his condition deteriorating over the last two months. He was admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru last week, and had undergone a minor surgery from which he was recovering. However, complications set in from which he did not recover.

Notebook makers' body worried GST 2.0 affecting local paper biz

BENGALURU: The All India Notebook Manufacturers Association on Sunday expressed concerns to the Centre over the implications of GST 2.0 on the country's domestic paper industry. This is specifically in light of the fact that under the GST 2.0 reform, imported paper goods and materials will be levied no Integrated Goods and Services Tax. "The situation that has arisen with imposing of 0% GST on notebooks with 0% customs duty as per Asean FTA, will play havoc with Indian notebook industry," reads a statement from the association, despite commending the centre for the broader GST reform.

Kiosks to be located at places where garbage collection is poor

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"KASA Kiosks will be strategically located at places where garbage collection is poor, where our garbage collection autos cannot go and where blackspots are high," Gowda added.

Gowda said work orders for Kasa Kiosks were issued two years ago, but they were not set up. "I have instructed officials and garbage contractors to find spots across the five city corporations to strategically place the kiosks to put an end to indiscriminate waste disposal. These kiosks will be set up in three months."

Workers will man the kiosks and work in two shifts receiving segregated waste throughout the day. It will be closed at night, he said.

Saumitra P Srivastava is new Director (Marketing) at Indian Oil

Saumitra P Srivastava has assumed charge as Director (Marketing) at Indian Oil, bringing with him a distinguished career of over three decades at the corporation. Srivastava is a civil engineering graduate from IIT-Roorkee and holds an Executive MBA from SP Jain Institute of Management & Research, Mumbai. His career has been instrumental in shaping key business segments, starting with an initial four-year tenure in the LPG business, before transitioning to various key positions within the sales function, a release said. Prior to this appointment, he served as the Executive Director (Corporate Strategy). In his new role, he will steer the strategic direction of Indian Oil's vast, nationwide marketing infrastructure, ensuring sustained market leadership and customer service.

Low on staff, GBA forest cell struggles to prune trees

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

GREATER Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Forest Cell's efforts to find and prune weak trees and branches that are vulnerable to fall during heavy rain and strong winds has been hampered with the cell consisting of only 18 staffers to monitor the entire city.

Largely because of this, the city is witnessing tree fall incidents that have either maimed or claimed lives of people and damaged vehicles, roads and buildings. As trees have not been pruned in many places, they have blocked traffic signals, making it difficult for motorists and pedestrians.

According to the forest cell data, the city has seen 1,122 trees uprooting and 3,547 branches falling since January 2025. These incidents have killed three people, including a woman on Sunday, and injured 10. Rain trees and mayflower trees are the most vulnerable to fall during strong winds and heavy rain.

"A team is sent to prune trees only when residents place a request. If the cell has more Range Forest Officers, daily rounds can be conducted and such trees can be removed even before they fall, causing injuries and deaths," said an official from the BBMP forest cell, working under the Greater Bengaluru Authority now.

When Tushar Girinath was chief commissioner, he had sought 45-50 forest staff. Now with the corporation split into five, and Girinath heading the Urban Development Department, a decision on adding more staff could be taken, he said.

"The trees that were planted 40 to 50 years ago have grown big. The old and dead trees are likely to fall and they should be removed. Native species like pongamia, neem and jamun should be planted to recover the lost canopy. The police department too should be told to handle the issue sensibly instead of harassing forest officials whenever a tree falls resulting in injuries or death. The forest staff is here only on deputation and serves for a limited period. The real custodians of the road and its trees are ward engineers, and they should list such trees," said a Range Forest Officer serving in GBA.

The tree that fell on two two-wheelers, killing a woman and grievously injuring a man, in Soladevanahalli on Sunday evening | EXPRESS

Tree fall case since January 1, 2025: **1,122**

Branch fall: **3,547**

Injuries due to tree uprooting and branch fall: **10**

Death: **2**

Woman killed, man injured after tree falls on 2 two-wheelers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

Due to alleged negligence of the civic authorities, a 23-year-old woman lost her life, and a man sustained severe injuries after a tree fell on two two-wheelers. The incident occurred just a stone's throw away from the Soladevanahalli police station on Hesaraghatta Road on Sunday evening.

The deceased has been identified as Keerthana, a resident of Hebbal, while Bhaskar is under treatment at a private hospital.

According to the police, around 7 pm, Keerthana was riding pillion with her friend on a two-wheeler and was heading home after watching a Sandalwood Premiere League cricket match, at Acharya College Grounds. Meanwhile, a large tree suddenly fell on the two riders, killing Keerthana on the spot, while her friend escaped unhurt. Another biker, Bhaskar, who was passing by, was injured.

UDR registered

The GBA control room said it received a call from a resident of Soladevanahalli about the tree fall incident. "Though the incident doesn't fall under GBA jurisdiction, we quickly alerted forest officials to clear the fallen tree," officials said. Srinivas, the resident who complained to the GBA control room, said, "I was heading to my aunt's place around 7 pm on Sunday. While we were on our way, we found a huge tree fallen on the road, crushing a girl and injuring a man."

The Soladevanahalli police said an unnatural death report (UDR) will be registered.

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EXPRESS READ

Education in Ireland completes roadshow

BENGALURU: Education in Ireland, the national brand promoting Irish higher education institutions worldwide, concluded its annual roadshow in Bengaluru on Sunday, with over 250 students and parents attending. The event provided an interactive platform for participants to engage with representatives from 21 Irish universities and colleges. The fair offered information on undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across technology, healthcare, business, arts and humanities, sustainability, and emerging industries.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

06th October : Angels and Beasts In the Middle Ages, the Great Chain of Being placed humans between angels and beasts -- both animal and above animal -- a position echoed by theologians, philosophers and natural scientists throughout Western thought. There is much wildness to claim this Hunter's Moon. As you track your desire, moving swiftly where the heart points, are you more creature of flesh or being of light?

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Freedom has its place, but today structure will carry you further. Make the plans. Follow the routine. Lean into order without worrying that it will kill spontaneity. The unexpected will arrive on its own. Your job is to give it a container.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
You're not always into being acknowledged. Right now, your private mood makes it seem unnecessary or even embarrassing to have too much attention on you, and you'll keep your contributions low-key or anonymous.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Energy will come from many sources, switching like a hybrid car between emotion, inspiration, nutrition and caffeine. Notice which fuel rockets the moment, which sustains over the long term, which is simply available -- and let the mixture keep your wheels turning.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
To do a few things right is human. If they happen to be things people revere, it creates fans. But avoid putting anyone on a pedestal. People are complex and fallible. Even those who seem admirable struggle with lesser impulses.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
True generosity has effects beyond what you plan or expect. Your gift sets things in motion that can ripple outward in surprising ways. Even minor contributions can lead to bigger connections, opportunities or recognition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
You're seeking Bigfoot, but everyone who shows up is just a human in a gorilla suit. Close enough isn't close enough, but with a little imagination and some tweaks, the artistry can still come together. Commit to the process.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
You have wisdom to share and guidance to lend. Sometimes you teach just by walking ahead. They are watching and following. They pick up on your knowledge but also your approach -- your tenderness and patience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
If ignorance is bliss, that's only because awareness can be painful. But without the sensation, we wouldn't notice what needs adjustment. Stay aware. Your reactions don't have to dictate the outcome. You can grow to a place of choosing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Same as always, the best way to complain is by doing it the new and improved way -- your way! You're so capable of this now as you enter a streak of brilliance. Solutions abound.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Love, like the wind, can't be seen or held. You can't measure it or point to where it "is," but you'll know its presence in the same way you have always known it. Impact. Love moves you. Love changes you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You go through steps automatically, like you can't help it, like it's part of your DNA. You name what's real. You spot the pattern. You adjust the mindset. You plan. You execute like a boss.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
People who never doubt themselves are blind to their flaws, which can be more dangerous than the turmoil of self-questioning. You can take a bit of turmoil. It's a badge of honor that goes with leading the examined life.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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6	2	5	1	9	7	8	4	3
8	7	4	6	2	3	5	1	9
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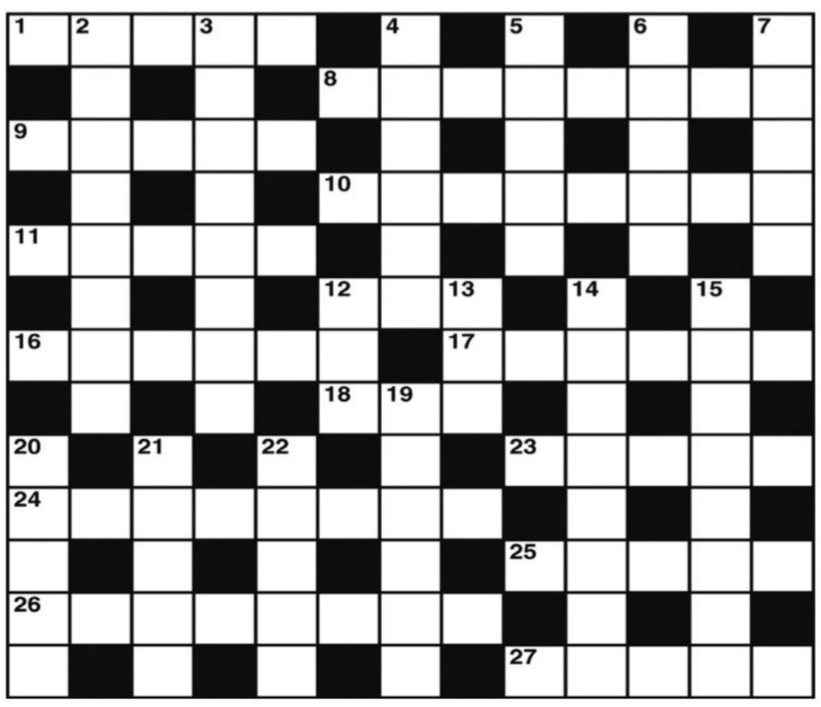
SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 A school principal goes to top of the class (5)
8 Always about ten on the outside (8)
9 Promotion shown on the jacket (5)
10 The brewed ale there is heavenly (8)
11 Following hints you start to get drunk (5)
12 A church service (3)
16 King is unusually good sport (6)
17 Give way concerning a time for abstinence (6)
18 It may be seen in a row or a disturbance (3)
23 It's rolled back for the opening (5)
24 Having responsibility in attack (2,6)
25 Worker who is constantly striking (5)
26 Stage a hunger strike and stick to it (4,4)
27 Being stupid I upset Anne (5)

DOWN

2 Perhaps he is link in foreign capital (8)
3 A sign of wrong and right expressed in a puzzle (8)
4 Eastern toxic compound from abroad (6)
5 Point we're wrong abou - start again (5)
6 Ready to start acting from the beginning (5)
7 Silly mistake artfully hidden (5)
12 Silver ring made in the past (3)
13 Go wrong for some other reason (3)
14 Senior citizens (8)
15 Prepare for take-off (8)
19 An impressive month? (6)
20 Turn it over to the church (5)
21 Climb on the reptile's back maybe (5)
22 I was upset about female homeless children (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Toleration, 6 Scar, 10 Riven, 11 Bad second, 12 True love, 13 Garbo, 15 Armband, 17 Set sail, 19 Denotes, 21 Amnesty, 22 Dwell, 24 Headrest, 27 Test pilot, 28 Leads, 29 Sole, 30 Eradicates.

Down: 1 Term, 2 Liverymen, 3 Range, 4 Tabloid, 5 Oddness, 7 Choir, 8 Radio plays, 9 Heighten, 14 Candidates, 16 Antelope, 18 Assistant, 20 Scholar, 21 Adapted, 23 Easel, 25 Relic, 26 Isis.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

CIHKT

YMRMU

GMTNAE

TOSOHM

I don't think we can overcome this weather.
Oh, man! I was practicing all week for this.
THEY REALLY WANTED TO PLAY TENNIS, BUT COMPARED TO MOTHER NATURE, THEY WERE ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: ELITE DITTO THROWN NIMBLE
Answer: An instrument's different pitches are written down using lines and symbols to — DENOTE THEM

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Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar (C) with Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi during a meeting in Bihar | PTI

S.I.R. 'PURIFIED' BIHAR'S VOTER LIST, SAYS CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Special Intensive Revision (SIR) has 'purified' Bihar's voter list after 22 years, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said on Sunday

17 INITIATIVES TAKEN IN BIHAR TO GO PAN-INDIA

"The voters list in Bihar has been purified. This cleansing exercise has taken place after a gap of 22 years and will now be carried out across the country," Kumar told reporters in Bihar. The CEC added that 17 new initiatives are being implemented for the upcoming Bihar assembly polls, which will also be replicated across the country in due course

ELECTIONS TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE NOV 22

- The 17 initiatives include a new SOP to ensure EPIC cards are delivered within 15 days of registration, a cap of 1,200 voters per booth, and mandatory VVPAT slip verification in case of mismatch complaints
- Kumar, who is in Bihar to take stock of poll preparations, said the election process in the state will be completed before November 22

100%

WEBCASTING AT ALL BOOTHS IS AMONG THE INITIATIVES LISTED BY CEC

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

MP govt doc held for cough syrup deaths

ANURAAG SINGH & KAVITA BAJELI-DATT
@ Bhopal/New Delhi

FOLLOWING the deaths of 14 children in Madhya Pradesh's Chhindwara district, the police have arrested a government doctor who had prescribed the cough syrup suspected to have caused the fatalities. An SIT of the MP Police has registered an FIR against paediatrician Dr Pravin Soni and the Tamil Nadu-based Sresan Pharmaceuticals, the manufacturer of the Coldrif syrup. Dr Soni was arrested late on Saturday night.

Of the 10 deaths mentioned in the FIR, in at least nine cases, a combination of medicines, including Coldrif, was prescribed by Dr Soni in last two months.

Two parents who lost their children said Dr Soni had prescribed the medicines. "His staff asked us to buy medicines from the pharmacy in his clinic. The medical shop appears to be run by people close to him," one of them said. Dr Soni who was posted at the Parasia Civil Hospital has been suspended.

The Union Health Ministry stressed the need for drug manufacturers to comply with the guidelines. It advised states and UTs to ensure rational use of cough syrups.

Rescue operation underway in Darjeeling in West Bengal after a bridge collapsed following heavy rainfall; Nepal Army personnel help survivors in flood-hit Jhapa| PTI

Landslides triggered by rain kill 20 in Darjeeling, 51 in eastern Nepal

West Bengal's Mirik bears the brunt; rescue operations on; Modi, Mamata offer condolences

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

AT least 20 people, including children, were killed and several others injured as relentless rain unleashed landslides across the Mirik and Darjeeling hills in West Bengal on Sunday, sweeping away homes, severing road links, battering villages, and leaving hundreds of tourists stranded.

According to NDRF and the district administration, fatalities were reported from Sarsaly, Jasbirgaon, Mirik Basti, Dhar Gaon (Mechi), Nagrakata and Mirik Lake area.

Mirik was the worst affected, with at least 11 people killed, and seven injured, the NDRF said. In Darjeeling, seven people died due to a massive landslide triggered by heavy rain. Rescue operations are underway to evacuate the injured, Darjeeling Sub-Divisional Officer Richard Lepcha said.

North Bengal Development Minister Udayan Guha said the situation is "alarming."

Hundreds of tourists, who had flocked to the Darjeeling hills to enjoy Durga Puja and post-Puja festivities, have been left stranded as heavy rainfall triggered massive landslides.

Many of them, including families and groups from Kolkata and other parts of Bengal, were visiting popular spots such as Mirik, Ghoom, and Lepchajagat when the rains lashed the hills since Saturday.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced compensation for the victims without specifying the amount and the number of deaths. She said she would visit north Bengal on October 6 to assess the situation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed condolences over the deaths and said the situation in Darjeeling and surrounding areas is being closely monitored.

In neighbouring Nepal, at least 51 people were killed till Sunday morning due to landslides and floods triggered by rain, an official of the Armed Police Force said. A red alert was issued for areas around the Bagmati and East Rapti rivers. PM Modi asserted that as a friendly neighbour and first responder, India remains committed to providing any assistance that may be required.

Call on Manipur govt formation likely this week

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

THE Centre is expected to take a call this week on government formation in Manipur, which has been under President's rule since February 13 this year.

Several Manipur BJP leaders, including former chief minister N Biren Singh, are currently in the national capital to push for government revival in the ethnic strife-torn state. MLAs H Dingo, Th Robindro, S Ranjan, former minister Govindas Konthoujam, and Hill Areas Committee chairman Dinganglung Gangmei are also in Delhi.

Crackdown on PLA

Security forces have arrested 15 cadres of the banned People's Liberation Army in connection with last month's ambush on a convoy, which killed two soldiers

According to sources, the state leaders are scheduled to meet the BJP's central leadership on Monday. Manipur Governor Ajay Bhalla is also reportedly in Delhi.

"The final decision after the meetings with central leaders, Union home minister, and finally the Prime Minister, would be taken in the next few days, which may take a week or longer," said a senior BJP leader.

Another party insider said that since the assembly has not been dissolved and remains in suspended animation, there are no major legal obstacles to forming the government.

This technical status makes reinstallation of a BJP-led government a more straightforward process if the central leadership gives its approval.

The development comes seven months after the imposition of President's rule following the resignation of Biren Singh on February 9. Since then, no political party or coalition has staked a claim to form the government, resulting in the continued imposition of Central rule. With the law and order situation improving to a great extent, political observers expect a BJP-led government may soon come to power in Manipur.

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur (R) and her Pakistan counterpart Fatima Sana during the toss at Colombo on Sunday | AFP

IND-PAK HANDSHAKE GATE SPILLS OVER TO WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

GOMESH S @ Colombo

NO customary handshakes, no acknowledgement or conversation while sharing the field. That seems to be the new normal when it comes to India-Pakistan and sports. What started as a one-off gesture at the men's T20 Asia Cup — the first cricket match after the Pahalgam terror attack and the cross-border tensions that followed — is now being followed by the Women in Blue at the ICC Cricket World Cup on Sunday.

No one went on record and said they would not shake hands with the Pakistan captain or team in the lead-up to the match. No questions were permitted on the eve of the match. However, this was expected, especially after the fact that the BCCI had directed them before leaving for Sri Lanka.

On Sunday, there were no pleasantries or handshakes between India captain Harmanpreet Kaur and her counterpart Fatima Sana at toss. Later, India won the tie by 88 runs.

ICC WOMEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP INDIA 2025

Toss confusion

There was confusion after the toss. While it seemed like Sana called tails, the match referee said heads and the toss went in favour of Pakistan, who opted to field. Neither Kaur nor the presenter objected to it, adding to the confusion. No official comment by ICC was given.

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Will ask Centre to name Namma Metro as Basava Metro: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE state government will recommend to the central government to name Bengaluru's Metro Rail as Basava Metro after social reformer Basavanna, said Chief Minister **Siddaramaiah** at the valedictory of Basava Samskruti Abhiyana-2025, here on Sunday.

The state government will write to the Centre, recommending the name change to the rail network, which is called Namma Metro now. "If this were entirely a state government project, I would have announced it as 'Basava Metro' today itself," he said.

Speaking in front of over two lakh devotees and more than 300 seers and scholars at the event, Siddaramaiah reaffirmed his lifelong devotion to the 12th-century social reformer, and said his teachings of equality, compassion, and co-existence remain "eternal and ever relevant".

The event, which also marked the anniversary of the state declaring Basavanna the state's cultural leader, Siddaramaiah said, "We are all Shudras. Whatever our caste, all Shudras are one. Basavanna opposed the stagnant caste hierarchy and established a new faith based on equality."

He said, "I have been a follower of Basavanna since my student days at the law college. His ideals shaped my political and personal philosophy. Basava Tatva -- the philosophy of equality, liberty, and fraternity -- is the very soul of the Constitution. Dr BR Ambedkar too had drawn inspiration from Basavanna's vision of a classless and casteless society."

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FORGOTTEN MONEY IN YOUR OLD BANK ACCOUNTS?

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To find your unclaimed deposits

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EXPRESS READ

Last rites of TJS George held with state honours

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Missed garbage van? You can hand over waste at 70 Kasa Kiosks in city

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

THOSE who fail to hand over their garbage to pourakarmikas in the morning can now drop it at over 70 Kasa (garbage) Kiosks, instead of throwing it at roadside, drains, near lakes and empty sites. This is to tackle the increasing menace of blackspots in the city that is bringing a bad reputation to Bengaluru.

Street-side dustbins were banned in Bengaluru two decades ago after door-to-door collection of waste was introduced. To address the concerns of those who miss handing over their trash in the morning garbage collection cycle, BBMP in 2018 came up with the idea of semi-underground dustbins. But these bins too started overflowing, and as they were turning into another dumping yard, they were removed. The BBMP set up Bengaluru's first Kasa Kiosk at Murugeshpalya in 2018 and there were plans to expand it to other parts of the city, but never took off.

Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited CEO Karee Gowda said, "One of the major reasons for mushrooming of blackspots in Bengaluru is that those who miss handing over garbage to pourakarmikas stuff everything in a plastic bag and dump wherever they wish." P2

The body of an Anganwadi teacher from Nandgad was found near Tinaighat in the water under a bridge on the Belagavi-Goa National Highway late Saturday, causing widespread concern in the area. The deceased has been identified as Ashwini Baburao Patil (50), a resident of Durga Nagar, Nandgad in Khanapur taluk

Kannada group targets poker club

Members allege the club is involved in illegal gambling and online betting activities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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MEMBERS of the pro-Kannada outfit Namma Karnataka Sene stormed into Golden Aces, a poker club, in Cauvery Colony in Koramangala, and resorted to vandalism on Sunday evening, alleging that the centre was involved in illegal gambling and online betting activities. The police arrested ten activists.

The protesters barged into the office, and an argument broke out between the staff and the agitators, who accused them of spoiling the youth by running the gambling den, police said. Later, they damaged property inside the premises while customers ran out. The Hoysala patrolling vehicle rushed to the spot and detained the protesters.

The owner of the club later filed a complaint against the activists with the Koramangala Police, who arrested 10 protesters, who were later released on station bail.

Speaking to reporters, Basavaraj Padukote, state president of Namma Karnataka Sene, stated, "We filed a complaint with the police, who only registered an NCR, allowing the company to continue operations and mislead the youth. The police must register an FIR against the company and arrest those running it."

The incident soon became a political tool with former chief minister and Haveri MP Basavaraj S Bommai posting on social media that Kannada organisations have exposed that online betting racket in Koramangala. Despite the Central government banning online betting, it continues unabated, right under the noses of the police. Bommai said this points to a nexus between those running online betting operations, the police, and the government.

"When our government was in power, we registered non-bailable cases against online betting and enforced strict laws. That case is currently pending in the Supreme Court. If the state government genuinely cares and preventing the poor from falling victim to it, it should take action regarding the pending Supreme Court case," Bommai said.

He criticised the state government, stating that even after two and a half years, its inaction clearly shows that it is favoring online betting. He also called for a legal battle in the Supreme Court to strengthen Karnataka's laws on the matter, emphasising the need to protect the youth and the poor.

Fire breaks out at scrap yard, no injuries reported

A massive fire broke out at a scrap yard near Akshayanagar in the Begur police station limits on Sunday. No injuries or casualties were reported. According to the police, the fire broke out between 1 and 1.15 pm. Three fire tenders were deployed, and the blaze was brought under control after three hours. Plastic items, paper, and other materials were burnt, causing thick smoke to emanate from the site. The exact cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained.

PROBE ON

2 auto drivers die in separate accidents

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TWO autorickshaw drivers died in separate accidents in Bengaluru on Saturday night.

A 50-year-old autorickshaw driver died after his vehicle collided with a cab while he was driving on the wrong side from Neelasandra towards Mother Teresa Road near Austin Town in the Ashoknagar Traffic police station limits. The two passengers onboard sustained minor injuries. The deceased Syed Akram Pasha (50), a resident of Neelasandra.

He first hit a parked car on the roadside near a community hall and then collided with a moving cab. The front portions of both the cab and the autorickshaw were badly damaged. Cab driver Parameshwara Reddy L rushed Pasha to a nearby hospital, where he was declared dead due to head injuries.

Based on a complaint filed by Reddy, a case was registered against the deceased Pasha for reckless driving, the police said.

In another incident, a 62-year-old autorickshaw driver, Venkataramaiah, a resident of Saraswathipuram, died after he lost control of his vehicle while taking a sharp right turn. The incident occurred near 17th Cross Road, behind the Govindaraja Nagar police station, under the Vijayanagar Traffic police station limits, at 8.14 pm.

The police said he sustained severe head injuries and was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he was declared dead by doctors.

Dismissed cop held for posing as DySP, extorting officials

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A 60-year-old dismissed constable, who was impersonating a Lokayukta Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) and threatening and extorting money from government officials, was arrested by the Ijoor police of the Bengaluru South district.

The accused, a native of Belagavi, Murregappa, allegedly called the Magadi Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) posing as a Lokayukta officer and demanded money. Following this, CDPO officer Surendra lodged a complaint. Based on Call Detail Records and technical evidence, the police arrested him in Kolhapur, Maharashtra. Nine SIM cards and three mobiles were seized from him.

The police said Muregappa was suffering from health issues, and began calling government officials by posing as a Lokayukta DySP, threatening to conduct raids, and demanding money ranging from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh to settle the matter. He used to receive the payments through online transactions. Murregappa used to monitor government tenders in newspapers and then contact the department heads, police said.

He had served in the police department for 17 years, including two years with the Lokayukta in Belagavi. In 2022, he was dismissed from service following a inquiry for warrant case. He has three children, who have distanced themselves from him, and 58 cases have been registered against him.

EXPRESS READ

Labourer held for killing co-worker over money

Bengaluru: The Marathahalli police have arrested a construction worker for allegedly killing his co-worker by stabbing him over a financial dispute on Saturday night near Marathahalli service road. The deceased is Mahadev (45), a native of Raichur. The accused, Raju (35) is from Tamil Nadu, was arrested shortly. Both used to sleep at the same plave. On Saturday, both of them were consuming alcohol when an argument over money broke out. Later, while returning to their construction site, Raju allegedly stabbed Mahadev in the with a knife. **ENS**

Cops open rowdy-sheets against 8 individuals

Bengaluru: The Siddapura police have opened rowdy-sheets against eight individuals, including a woman, for promoting and glorifying rowdy culture on social media. The police said that the accused had been posting edited photos and videos of known rowdy-sheeters with movie songs, dialogues, and captions such as "Boss," "King," and "Anna" to project them as heroes. Their posts not only glorified rowdies but also created a sense of rivalry. Hence, rowdy sheets, under the budding rowdies category, have been opened against them. **ENS**

GRAND GOODBYE

Dasara elephants bid adieu to Amba Vilas Palace after the end of the grand Jamboo Savari in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Murder probe reveals ₹5.5 cr insurance scam in Hosapete

ENS @ Hosapete

A murder investigation in Vijayanagara district has led to the unearthing of a major life insurance scam to the tune of Rs 5.5 crore, exposing a network involving a criminal gang, a private bank employee, and insurance agents.

The case came to light after the body of a 38-year-old man, identified as Gangadhar, was found near the TB Canal in Hosapete. Initially suspected to be a hit-and-run incident, the case took a shocking turn following a detailed investigation launched by SP S Jahnavi.

Jahnavi said, "We initially suspected it was an accident. However, after the victim's wife filed a complaint, we dug deeper. Our investigation revealed that Gangadhar was murdered to fraudulently claim life insurance money. A six-member gang conspired to kill him".

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites Bids on electronic mode for the following works of Transmission (Operations) Zone, Hassan from registered KPWD contractors.

Name of the work: (1) No.: KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2597 for Construction of boundary compound wall 110kV sub-station land at **Moodabidri-2nd and final phase. Category: ST.**

(2) No.: KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2599 for Construction of Security Compound Wall to 110kV sub-station land at **Madhuvana -2nd and final phase. Category: Others**

(3) No.: KPTCL/ 2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2602 for Providing **RCC road and drain at KPTCL Colony** at Hassan Taluk in Hassan District. **Category: Others.**

(4) No.: KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2601 for Providing Security Compound Wall (Stage-2) to 110/11kV **Machenahalli** sub-station in Shivamogga District. **Category: SC.**

(5) No.: KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2595 for Providing air conditioners and allied works to the **Control Room (SAS) at 220kV Station, MESZ, Bajpe. Category: SC.**

(6) No.: KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2596 for Construction of Boundary Compound Wall to 110kV sub-station land at **Nandikoor- 4th and Final Phase. Category: Others.**

(7) No.: KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2594 for Construction of retaining wall along east side boundary at **220kV Station, MSEZ, Bajpe (2nd phase). Category: Others.**

(8) No.: KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2598 for Construction of security compound wall to 110kV sub-station land at **Brahmavara-3rd and Final Phase. Category: Others.**

(9) No.: KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2813 for Construction of **Major Works Division office building at Kavoor,** Mangaluru. **Category: Cat-II(A).**

(10) No.: KPTCL/2025-26/ OW/WORK_INDENT2812 for Protection of towers at **Location No.09 and 10 of 110kV Jeppu** LILO line of Harekala village limits, Ullala Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District (to protect from land sliding during rainy season). **Category: Others.**

(11) No.: KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2719 for Construction of Security Compound Wall and Property Compound Wall to **220kV sub-station land at Kemar, Karkala. Category: Cat-II(A).**

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 08.10.2025 at 15:00hrs.** Any extension of due date for bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal. Any details required in this regard can also have from the office undersigned during office hours.

Any corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed to the bidders before the last date of submission of the bids through e-portal.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Elec.), Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, 3rd Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan-573 201.

Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee, Kollegala

Publication No: APMC/K/308/2025-26 Dated: 29-09-2025

Short-term Tender Notification (2nd Call)

As per paragraph 71 of the Budget Speech for the year 2024-25 Competitive item wise Tenders are invited as per the conditions of standard tender document KW-3 clause-3 with latest amendments from contractors who eligible and registered in Karnataka PWD Department and KPP portal through www.kpp.karnataka.gov.in by APMC Kollegala for installation of 80 MT Electronic Weigh Bridge at Chilakavadi village land baring survey no 282/A1.

Tender put amount **Rs.69,38,860-76 EMD amount Rs.1,38,800-00** Time given for completion of work: 03 months (excluding rainy season). Schedule: **Pre-bid Meeting date:13-10-2025 11:00 AM, Last date to submit technical and financial documents: 16-10-2025 4:30 PM, Opening of Technical bid date: 18-10-2025 4:30 PM, Opening of financial bid date:21-10-2025 4:30 PM, Place of opening of tenders: Office of the APMC, Kollegala, Chamarajanagara District.** for any queries contact: 8762898394 / 08224-295221 or visit website www.kpp.karnataka.gov.in.

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APGENCO invites open tender for Repairing & Rectification of failed 240MVA, 15.75KV / 236KV, BHEL make Generator Transformer, Sl.No:2007792/1993, Electrical Specification No: 625377 and Erection & commissioning of repaired GT at Dr.NTTPS, through APGENCO e-procurement platform.

Estimated Value of Contract: Rs.8,65,92,411 (Incl of all charges, Statutories and GST)

Schedule available date & time : from 18:00 Hrs onwards 01.10.2025.
Bid submission closing date & time : Upto 13:00 Hrs on 23.10.2025
For other details visit website viz. **www.apgenco.gov.in** (or)
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Product	FERTILIZERS & FERTILIZER RAW MATERIALS
Reference No:	DC/MR/EMP/RM FERTILIZERS: 21821

Applications are invited for Empanelment of Reputed Traders for supply of Fertilizers & Fertilizer Raw materials by entering into an MOU for non-binding quantity for a period of one year.

Closing Date & Time: 27 OCTOBER 2025 up to 11:30 Hrs. IST

The complete details for Empanelment are available on RCF website: **www.rcfltd.com** in Trombay Tenders.

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CPP Tender ID: 2025_RCFL_880093_1

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property is mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 12.11.2025** for recovery of **Rs.23,88,403/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Three Only)** being the amount due as on **30.09.2025** (this amount includes interest applied till **30.09.2025)** with future interest and costs due to the secured creditor from **(1) Mr. Lallush Mathew,** Kings Brooke, Villa No-19, Maradu, Eranakulam 682304. **Also At:** 308/32, Palathara, Mathumoola, Changanassery, Kottayam-686103. **Also At:** Palathara Fuels, I.O.C Dealer, Vazhappally P.o, Changanassery, Kottayam-686101. **(2) Mrs .Mary Sumi,** Kings Brooke, Villa No-19, Maradu, Eranakulam-682304. **Also At :** Mulloth, Ponnekkara, Elamakara (P.o). Eranakulam-682026. **in Loan Ref No: 204339.** Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details: -

Known Encumbrances (If any)	**NIL**
Reserve Price (in Rs.)	**Rs. 57,36,250/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	**Rs. 5,73,625/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Five Only) through DD/PO in favor of 'Axis Bank Ltd.' payable at Ernakulam.**
Bid Incremental Amount	**Rs. 10,000/- (Rs Ten Thousand Only)**
Last Date, Time and Venue for Submission of Bids / Tender with EMD	**Till 11.11.2025 latest by 05:00 P.M.** at Axis Bank Ltd, # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560027, Addressed to **Mr.Prem**
Date, Time, and Venue for Public Auction	**On 12.11.2025, between 11.00 A.M and 12.00 Noon** with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal **https://www.bankeauctions.com.** e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available on the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above.

IMMOVABLE ASSETS: 0.0239% of undivided share (Equivalent to 312.47 Square Feet) in the land Measuring 1006611.05 Square comprised in Sy No.30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 161 of Kadatanamale Village, together with absolute right in Residential Apartment No.705, (1075 sq. ft.)on the 7th floor ,block /wing G-8, of the multi storied building known as 'PROVIDENT WELWORTH CITY " situated in Kadatanamale Village, Hesaraghatta hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District and all other rights thereto morefully described under Schedule of the Sale Deed No.11760/2013 of Bangalore ,Yelahanka, SRO. Boundaries: East : Land in Sy.No.160, Doddaballapur Road, land in Sy. No 162.163, 164, 40, and 41, North : Land in Sy.No 37, 38 and 160,West : Land in Sy.No 41, 29, 30/7(P),31/4(P),31/3(P),31/2(P), 31/1(P),34/1(P) &34/2(P), South : Land in Sy.No.41 and 29.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail and the Bank's approved service provider M/S C1 India Private Limited at their web portal https://www.bankeauctions.com

The auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved service provider M/s.C1 India Private Limited at their web portal **https://www.bankeauctions.com.** For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact **Mr.Sudhakar A & Mr.Prem,** # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560027 **Mobile No. 9176662617 & 8880041234, Authorized officer of the Bank during office hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

This Notice should be considered as 30 Days' Notice to the Borrowers/ Co-borrowers/Guarantors under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Date : 03.10.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
AXIS BANK LTD.,

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **23.06.2025** calling upon the Borrowers; **1) Smt. Jayamma W/o. B. Marappa,** Since deceased, Rep. by her legal heirs; **(1a) Sri M. Venkatesh S/o. B. Marappa, (1b) Sri M. Basavaraja S/o. B. Marappa, (1c) Sri M. Nagendra S/o. B. Marappa,** All (1a) to (1c) R/at: No. 76, 1st Main Road, 7th Cross, K.G. Halli, Ganganagar, Bengaluru - 560032, **Also at:** Old Site No. 46, New No. 11, Ward No. 98, Ganganagar, Harijan Colony, 1st Main, Hebbal Mills, Gangenahalli, Bengaluru - 560032, **Guarantor: Sri Anjanappa. G. S/o. Late Gangappa,** No. 2, 1st Main, 7th Cross, Kempegowda Colony, Ganganagar, Bengaluru - 560032, **Also at:** Working as Sweeper, Ward No. 20, Badge No. 55, BBMP, Ganganagar, Shivajinagar Division, Bengaluru - 560032 to repay the amount mentioned in the said Notice being **Rs.5,14,623/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Three Only) as on 10.06.2025** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest along with cost and charges **within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice are hereby given to the Borrowers and Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **04th Day of October 2025.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Shivajinagar Branch** for an amount of **Rs.5,14,623/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Three Only) as on 10.06.2025** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest and costs and charges till the date of realization.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of property No. 1/1, A.K. Colony, Div. No. 46 (Old) New No. 98A, Gangenahalli, Near Hebbal Mills, 1st Main Road, Bangalore, measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 25 feet, bounded as follows: **East by :** Site of Chikkanna, **West by :** Road, **North by :** House of Sri Peersab, **South by :** House of Sri Chinnaiah @ Gollodu.

Date : 04-10-2025
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Intimate partner homicides are becoming increasingly common, and could be due to underlying emotional disorders or external factors like infidelity, suspicion, fractured families and even money matters. A wideangle view of why extreme violence in the home is becoming normalised in today's society

WHEN LOVE TURNS LETHAL

VIOLENT CRIMES

JUNE 6, 2025: 26-year-old Manasa was beheaded by her husband Shankar, following a violent altercation in Suryanagar police limits. The accused went to the police station with her severed head on a scooter and surrendered. The murder was over her extramarital affair

JUNE 7, 2025: 33-year-old Harini, a mother of two, was stabbed to death in a hotel room in Subramanyapura police station limits by techie Yashas, 25, unable to bear rejection. He stabbed her 17 times

SEPT 23, 2025: 32-year-old Rekha was stabbed to death at a bus stop by her husband Lohitashwa, in front of her 13-year-old daughter. He stabbed her 11 times, on suspicion of an extramarital affair

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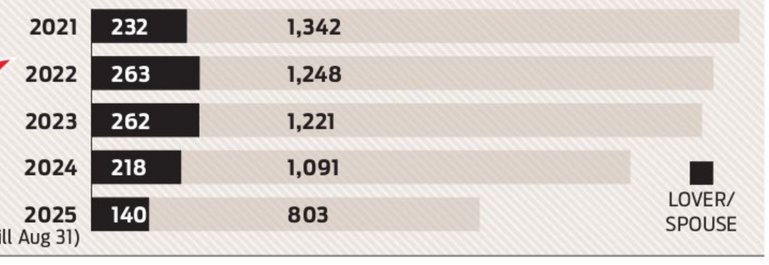

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

THE arms which were once considered the safest in the world, to protect, caress and embrace, can take a life. Home, an abode of security and comfort, can turn into a crime arena. Every other day, we hear of men killing wives, or getting killed by one's wife, sometimes with the help of a paramour. Quite often, a woman is brutally murdered, and even chopped into pieces by her live-in partner. The crime doesn't end with disturbing murders. Many of the accused die by suicide after killing their loved ones. When love becomes lethal, crime enters the home, but what is fuelling these murders by loved ones?

Mental health experts say multiple reasons are leading to intimate partner violence or homicide, and it can be both sudden and gradual. They say there should be increased awareness, warning signs should be identified and addressed. They also suggest that the government must treat intimate partner homicide as both mental health and law enforcement issues.

Dr Shilpi Saraswat, clinical psychologist at Sakra World Hospital, Bengaluru, said there may be multiple factors that push an individual to murder a loved one. "The sudden impulsive behaviour could be due to underlying mental health issues, which are often unattended. It could be because of personality disorders, emotional dysregulation and other factors. When a person lacks emotional regulation, he/she is overwhelmed with feelings, and as a result, we see extreme reactions. Substance abuse makes things worse, it leads to poor judgment and the person fails to make the right decisions," Dr Shilpi said.

Professor of Psychiatry and Head of Forensic Psychiatry unit, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Dr Suresh Bada Math said, "Murders within close relationships usually arise from interpersonal conflicts, control, jealousy, revenge, abuse and sudden impulses. Financial strain, social pressures, peer pressure, family factors, illiteracy and cultural dynamics act as triggers in vulnerable individuals."

Dr Suresh said these factors get accentuated when the couple marries outside the socio-economic-religious community background, which weakens the protection net for both partners. He said alcohol, drugs and substance use often magnify risks by impairing judgment, lowering inhibition and increasing aggression.

"They worsen pre-existing domestic violence, personality traits and can trigger psychotic or paranoid states," he said.

On whether the intention to murder a loved one is impulsive or built up over a period of time, Dr Suresh said, "Intimate partner violence or homicide can be both sudden and gradual. Impulsive acts emerge from acute rage, personality issues, intoxication or provocation. Gradual acts stem from sustained conflict, abuse or psychiatric illness, at times with warning signs. In most cases, close evaluation shows a background of escalating tension rather than a completely spontaneous act. However, it is very difficult to predict human behaviour."

Warning signs include irritability, anger, violence, escalating aggression, morbid jealousy, suspicion, substance misuse and threats of harm, Dr Suresh said.

MAIN CAUSES ARE INFIDELITY, FINANCE

"If we look at the latest incidents, there are many reasons for murder, but the most common ones are suspected or actual infidelity of the spouse and fights over finances," said Maya Annie Elias, senior therapist, Nirmaya Counselling Centre.

She said in most cases, the instinct to murder is a gradual build-up. "Suspicion, anger or abuse usually start on a small scale and escalate to more aggravated levels, resulting in serious physical assault or even murder. In some cases, there could be a triggering event, for example, a financial demand not met, or proof of a spouse's infidelity," Maya explained.

"Sadly, even today, men often hold the power to control their spouses, whether it is about their job, finances, or even what they wear. This has been culturally normalised. Women, too, resort to violence, but most of the time it is as retaliation after repeated abuse. In some cases, women are also seen to act out of anger or revenge in response to their spouse's behaviour, or indulge in such gruesome acts for financial and other gains," she said.

IMPACT ON KIDS

Globally, men kill wives or partners far more often than the reverse. The impact on children in such families is devastating, leaving them with trauma, mental health struggles, and a higher risk of repeating cycles of violence, Maya said. "Sometimes, it is not about a disorder at all, it can simply be that the person has reached his/her threshold and is unable to cope with difficult situations, for example, cases of repeated physical abuse," she said.

There may be warning signs early on in a relationship, even if subtle. Jealousy and suspicion may show up as checking a spouse's phone or social media accounts, and making comments about it, Maya said.

On the warning signs to note, Maya said, "Verbal abuse often comes before physical abuse, which then escalates from slaps to beatings and even threats with weapons. Extreme controlling behaviour, stalking, are all warning signs. Early counselling or therapy is important for both couples and individuals."

Maya stressed that medical professionals must screen for signs of abuse during routine checkups and refer people to support services, and added that family and friends have to play a key role by offering timely support.

REMEDIES TO VIOLENCE

"Remedies involve timely psychiatric care, de-addiction treatment, couple counselling, marital counselling, family support and crisis intervention. Individual therapy and treatment for alcohol and drug use. Legal measures and protective services safeguard victims during high-risk phases. Community and family support with vigilance is crucial, as early recognition and reporting save lives," said Dr Suresh, adding that at times predicting human behaviour is simply impossible.

"Key actions include strengthening legal protection, creating easy access to mental health and de-addiction services, and crisis intervention systems such as one-stop centres. These centres need to be adequately equipped, trained, resourced and ready to support the survivors," he added.

Both Dr Suresh and Maya batted for awareness campaigns, education programmes regarding gender sensitisation, voice against violence, swift punishment of the perpetrators and mass education to help prevent violence escalation at the community level.

Research, data-driven policies and cross-sector collaboration ensure sustainable prevention. Victims/survivors need to know the available helpline, such as Tele-Manas (14416), NGOs and governmental agencies. "Law enforcement agencies and healthcare personnel must be trained to inquire about domestic violence and mandatory reporting of domestic violence (similar to POCSO Act) can be a way forward," Dr Suresh said.

Murder most foul & disturbing

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

INTIMATE partner homicides or murders committed by spouses or lovers are among the most disturbing crimes. Extra-marital affairs, property-related disputes, rejections, possessiveness, suspicion, ego issues, hasty decisions or fear of losing someone can twist love into anger, and are reasons attributed by police for such types of killings.

The murder of 68-year-old retired state police chief Om Prakash, a 1981-batch IPS officer, reportedly by his wife Pallavi on April 20, 2025, at their HSR Layout residence was one of the most brutal spouse killings Bengaluru has witnessed in recent times. The murder was over property related issues.

In a first for Bengaluru, Mahalakshmi (29) was cut into 59 pieces and stuffed inside the fridge by her lover Mukti Ranjan Pratap Ray at her Vyalikaval house on September 21, 2024. In this case, Ray was unable to digest Mahalakshmi's frequent fights and pressure for marriage, and killed her. He later died by suicide at a graveyard near his house in Dishuri police limits in Bhadrak district of Odisha.

Both these murders were among the 803 murders in the state till August 31, 2025. According to crime statistics of the Karnataka State Police, almost one in every five or six murders reported in the state is reportedly committed either by the spouse or lover.

Additional Commissioner of Police (East) Ramesh Banoth said the family fabric is fraying due to various reasons. Earlier, husband and wife, or lovers used to spend quality time with each other. Now even when a husband and wife sit with each other, both are busy on their mobile phones. Concern or affection towards each other seems to be missing. People are getting diverted and attracted to other things, and happiness in the family is slightly declining. The police department has NGOs to counsel and help them. Inspectors and senior police officers also counsel those facing a problem.

Senior advocate MS Shyamsundar said a majority of such killings is due to extreme aggression. The root cause is 'expectations', which are not met. Extreme anger is the main reason for such killings, like indigestion of a spouse's audacity to retaliate. People can accept disobedience, but not by their spouses or lovers. The law cannot control such crimes, they have to be controlled by social behaviour. During the heat of anger, knowledge of law does not help. There has to be more responsibility while choosing partners and a thorough understanding of each other. During earlier generations, spouses would never retaliate. Our country requires more psychologists than lawyers; even today, consulting a psychologist is looked at as a solution for the mentally deranged. If the government wants to control such crimes, it should recruit psychologists at all primary health centres and workplaces. There should be a congenial work atmosphere, and the government should take proactive steps.

Retired SP SK Umesh said disturbed couples require counselling at the preliminary stage. They should be educated with examples and consequences, and told that their children will suffer. When the matter reaches the police station, police officers must counsel such persons. Even at the college level, they can educate students about such crimes, as students listen only to police officers. Moreover, quality time must be spent with the partner so there is no misunderstanding. Partners must respect each other, and if relationships become dysfunctional, partners must walk out instead of killing and ruining lives.

Murders within close relationships usually arise from interpersonal conflicts, control, jealousy, revenge, abuse and sudden impulses. Financial strain, social pressures, peer pressure, family factors, illiteracy and cultural dynamics act as triggers
Dr Suresh Bada Math, Professor of Psychiatry and Head of Forensic Psychiatry unit, NIMHANS

The sudden impulsive behaviour could be due to underlying mental health issues, which are often unattended. It could be because of personality disorders, emotional dysregulation and other factors
Dr Shilpi Saraswat, Clinical psychologist, Sakra World Hospital

CM Siddaramaiah being felicitated during Basava Samskruti Abhiyana-2025 at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Talent doesn't belong to any one caste: Siddu

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RECALLING that he took oath as chief minister on Basava Jayanti, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said his government has worked to realise Basavanna's dream of equal opportunities for all. "Through guarantees and welfare schemes, we have uplifted the poor of every caste and religion. We made it mandatory to display Basavanna's portrait in every government office to honour his universal message," he added.

"No caste is higher than the other. Talent and knowledge do not belong to any one caste. I did not choose to be born in a Kuruba family. To deny someone education because they are a Shudra is a conspiracy against justice," he argued. He announced that the government has approved the setting up of Vachana University next year.

The event at Bengaluru's Palace Grounds saw the participation of over 400 religious heads, intellectuals and community leaders.

Caste survey: Feedback hints at anger against govt

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

IF the feedback from enumerators engaged in the Socio-Economic and Educational Survey is any indicator, then anti-incumbency is building up against the Congress government, led by Siddaramaiah. A large number of families, especially in urban areas, are refusing to cooperate with the enumerators and are venting their anger against the state government. "People have taken it personally and allege that Siddaramaiah is trying to divide communities through the survey. We bear the brunt of their anguish when we go for the survey," said an enumerator, requesting anonymity.

The opposition BJP's strategy of setting the narrative that the government is trying to snub certain communities seems to be working. BJP leaders have urged people not to take part in the survey, pointing out that the Centre is expected to conduct the national census including the caste enumeration sometime in 2026.

In Tumakuru, a woman Muslim teacher was heckled recently by a group of caste Hindus when she visited their house for the survey. Some families also feel irritated to furnish their personal details, enumerators said.

On the technical front, the GPS navigation took enumerators to lakes, abandoned houses and cattle sheds, wasting their time, an enumerator in Tiptur told TNIE.

The Karnataka State Primary School Teachers Association appealed to the government to extend Dasara holidays by a week and also the October 7 deadline set for the survey. "The teachers have worked under tremendous pressure and need some rest. It will be difficult for them to resume their teaching work," said Parashivamurthy, an association office-bearer.

Survey will continue, says DKS

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar said the socio-economic and educational survey will continue despite objections raised by many. "The court itself has ruled that respondents need not answer certain questions if they do not wish to. So, there is no reason to oppose the survey. We are doing this survey, as there were objections to the previous survey. Everyone should cooperate," he told reporters. When asked if the deadline of October 7 will be extended, he said the authorities will review and take a decision. "I have told the enumerators not to ask personal information from the respondents. I don't know whether they will abide by it or not," Shivakumar said.

Siddaramaiah wants to snub dominant castes through survey, says Somanna

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

UNION Minister of State for Railways **V Somanna** on Sunday, while taking a dig at Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, has alleged that the latter has a political motive behind conducting the socio-economic and educational survey, as he wants to snub the dominant and the forward communities.

"It is nothing but a caste survey. He (Siddaramaiah) has been at the sinful job of snubbing the dominant castes and it will not do any good to him," Somanna said.

Holding a survey handbook that has a portrait of former CM Devaraj Urs, Somanna went on to add that the former, who had implemented land reforms and ensured the tiller was the owner of the land, did not indulge in a "sinful" act

like Siddaramaiah.

Somanna also took strong exception to the number of enumerators visiting his residence for the survey. The minister also took them to task, as he felt that the 60 questions were too much.

For many questions, Somanna asked the enumerators to write down the names of Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar as the answer.

When asked about his sub-caste, Somanna shot back, asking, "Which class are you putting Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar in the survey."

When asked at what age he got married, he replied, saying the enumerators should ask this to his parents. But eventually, he said he was 26 when he got married.

"I respect the feelings of DCM DK Shivakumar, who had also said that some questions were too personal and that the number of questions should be reduced. But he is also a party to the survey, being the DCM of the state. Were the questions framed without his knowledge?" he wondered.

He alleged that the survey was "unscientific and irritating" and urged the government to immediately stop it. He suggested setting up a technical committee to make the survey simpler.

College students used for caste survey; people raise objections

MYSURU: The use of college students for caste survey has sparked a controversy after the issue came to light near a school on Devaraja Urs Road in Mysuru. According to a video which has gone viral on social media, a group of college students were seen carrying out survey activities in the locality, which drew the attention of the public. Several residents have questioned the legitimacy of involving students in such an official enumeration process and confronted the youths for taking part in it. In the video, questions were also raised about the mobile application used for data collection, which had reportedly been downloaded and operated on the students' personal mobile phones. In the video, a woman is heard saying over a phone call that since she was busy at work, she had just sent them to get an update of the survey work and they were not used for the process. **ENS**

A Russian national drowned at Yarada Beach, in Visakhapatnam on Sunday. The deceased, Sergei Akulenko (62), was a helicopter maintenance engineer. According to police, a group of 16 Russians who visited the beach ignored the warnings and proceeded into the water

SIT begins probe into Karur rally stampede

DMK MLA Senthil Balaji says Vijay's arrival seven hours late for event reason for tragedy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Karur

THE Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by the Madras High Court, began its probe into the stampede that claimed 41 lives during a rally by Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay on September 27 at Velusamypuram in Karur

Inspector General of Police (North Zone) Asra Garg, who heads the SIT, told reporters "The committee has been constituted as per the High Court's directive. We have begun inquiry today. At this stage, we cannot disclose anything."

Besides Garg, the SIT comprises of two Superintendents of Police - S Vimala and C Shyamala Devi , an additional SP, and five Inspectors. The team inspected the site of the stampede, and spoke to police officers including Superintendent of police Josh Thangaiah to determine how the crowd swelled and what circumstances led to the incident. The team will be stationed in Karur for a few more days.

On Friday, the Madras High Court, criticised Vijay and senior leaders of his party for allegedly triggering the stampede. Meanwhile, reiterating his earlier stand on the Karur stampede, former minister and DMK MLA V Senthil Balaji on Sunday once again held Vijay responsible for the tragedy, questioning his delay in arriving at the rally venue. Balaji asked, "Why did he (Vijay) arrive seven hours late? Why did he reach at 7 pm after announcing that the meeting would begin at 12 noon? Why did he get into the campaign vehicle just 500 metres before the venue?"

Vijay's campaign vehicle driver booked

Karur : The Velayuthampalayam police in Karur on Sunday registered a case against the driver of the campaign vehicle in which TVK president Vijay travelled on the night of the stampede. The identity of the accused was not revealed. While the campaign vehicle was en route to Karur on September 27, two following it on separate bikes on the Karur-Thavittupalayam stretch of the Namakkal-Karur highway fell down, close under the wheels of the four-wheeler.

'FIGHT AGAINST ARROGANCE'

TN govt, Governor face off again over political slogan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AFTER a brief lull, the tussle between the Tamil Nadu government and Governor R N Ravi has resurfaced, this time over the DMK's political slogan "Tamil Nadu will fight, Tamil Nadu will win".

While Ravi on Sunday wondered what was the state "fighting" for, saying there was "no conflict", Chief Minister M K Stalin immediately sprang to TN's defence, saying that the state, among others, was "fighting against arrogance" (of union government) "that denies education funds unless Hindi is accepted".

Ravi was speaking at Raj Bhavan during the celebration of saint-philosopher Arutprakasa Vallalar's 202nd birth anniversary, where a commemorative book, Thiruvarutpa, was released.

The governor said there was no reason for Tamil Nadu to adopt a confrontational stance, asserting that "no one is fighting against Tamil Nadu".

He said, "When I travel across the state, I see walls painted with 'Tamil Nadu Poradum'. Against whom are we fighting? No one is fighting against Tamil Nadu. We are all brothers and sisters. There is no conflict – we must live and prosper together."

Ravi linked Vallalar's teachings to the idea of national unity, saying the saint's philosophy of Sanmargam (path of truth) embodied compassion, equality, and universal brotherhood. These ideals, he said, were in harmony with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's global vision of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' ("One Earth, One Family, One Future"), which guided India's G20 presidency.

Taking to X, Stalin said, "When the Governor asks, 'Who is Tamil Nadu fighting against?', let me answer, Tamil Nadu fights against arrogance that denies education funds unless Hindi is accepted." He added that the state's battle is also against attempts to undermine scientific temper by promoting superstition and regressive ideas among students. Stalin said Tamil Nadu is fighting against "religious fundamentalists who obstruct national progress", "those who suppress democratically elected governments", and "governor's overreach that forces the state to repeatedly seek justice from the courts to protect federal rights".

He said the state is resisting "conspiracies that divert" industrial "growth, and jobs to other states", and "forces, with the blessings of RSS, that seek to reimpose Manusmriti".

EXPRESS READ

Lion goes off radar in Vandalur safari zone

Chennai: A five-year-old male lion named Sheryaar, brought in from Bengaluru's Bannerghatta Biological Park in 2023, has been off the radar since October 3, when he was released into the safari zone at the Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur. Zoo authorities have launched an search operation using drones.

Hoax bomb threats trigger panic in Tirupati

Tirupati: Tirupati police have launched a probe after a series of hoax bomb threats created panic in the temple city. Anonymous emails containing threats have been received repeatedly over the past three years, turning into a recurring menace. An FIR has been registered and the case is being treated with the highest priority.

Black money: Hegde hails tie-up with Mauritius

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

FORMER Karnataka Lokayukta Justice N Santosh Hegde has hailed the Indian government's collaboration with Mauritius' Financial Crime Commission (FCC) as a "wise and important decision" in the long battle against black money.

"In my opinion, the Government of India has taken an important and wise decision by holding a programme jointly with the Mauritius FCC for training officers with regard to illegal transfer of black money," Justice Hegde, a former Supreme Court judge, told this newspaper. "There is a need to enlighten officers to identify such agencies. Through this process, officials can detect the flow of illicit funds and act decisively -- even alerting Indian authorities to take criminal action against offenders. This will be a major blow to those who indulge in such practices."

His remarks came as the ED concluded a five-day capacity-building programme in Port Louis from September 22 to 26, for officers of Mauritius' FCC. The training, led by ED Director Rahul Naveen and FCC Acting Director General Titrudev Daudari, was held under an MoU signed earlier in March.

The initiative carries special resonance for Karnataka, which has been one of the focal points in several probes involving illicit funds being funnelled through Mauritius-based shell entities.

FLOODED COMMUTE

Vehicles struggle to navigate through a waterlogged road in Vandalur, Chennai on Sunday. Heavy rain has been forecast across several districts of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry over the next few days | MARTIN LOUIS

Tragedy strikes Gokak family as brothers die hours apart

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Gokak

KAPARATTI village in Gokak taluk was plunged into grief on Saturday following a series of heart-wrenching tragedies that claimed two young lives within hours of each other and left a young woman fighting for her life.

Around 4 am, 16-year-old Satish Bagannavar, a Class 10 student, succumbed to an illness at his home. The sudden loss of the bright young boy devastated his family and the entire neighbourhood.

Unable to bear the shock of his younger brother's untimely death, Basavaraj Bagannavar (24), Satish's elder brother suffered a massive heart attack shortly after hearing the news. Despite efforts to save him, Basavaraj passed away, leaving the family shattered beyond words.

Satish Bagannavar and his older brother Basavaraj Bagannavar

The tragedy deepened when Pavitra Basavaraj Bagannavar (20), Basavaraj's pregnant wife, collapsed upon learning about the deaths of her husband and brother-in-law. She was rushed to a private hospital in Gokak city, where doctors provided immediate treatment. Pavitra has since regained consciousness and is reported to be out of danger, though still under medical supervision. The triple tragedy has sent shockwaves through Kaparatti village, with neighbours and friends gathering to console the bereaved family.

Writer, folk scholar Mogalli Ganesh dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

RENOWNED Kannada writer, critic, and folklore scholar Prof **Mogalli Ganesh** passed away in the early hours of Sunday at his residence in Hosapete, Vijayanagara district. He was 63.

Ailing for the past few years due to multiple organ complications, Prof Ganesh had been hospitalised several times before being recently brought home for palliative care. He is survived by his wife and three daughters. A native of Santemogenahalli in Channapattana taluk of Ramanagara district, Prof Ganesh rose in a Dalit family to become one of Karnataka's most respected and original literary voices. Over a distinguished academic career spanning nearly three decades, he served as a Professor in the Department of Folklore Studies at Kannada University, Hampi, and later as a Syndicate Member of Karnataka Folklore University, in Haveri district.

His contributions spanned short stories, novels, plays, and literary criticism.

Astro-tourism in Ladakh gets boost from IIA initiative to train local guides

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

INDIA is popular for many types of tourism – eco, rural, wildlife, mountain, heritage and so on. But the latest trend gaining popularity is astro-tourism, wherein locations ideal for star-gazing are attracting those interested in the celestial wonders unfolding in the dark, clear skies.

With astronomy and observing celestial bodies becoming popular, astro-tourism is gaining popularity, drawing many to observe the skies.

This was first introduced in Hanle, a historic village in Hanle River Valley in the Union Territory of Ladakh, known to be a star-gazing paradise as it offers ideal conditions — dark, clear skies. The region, located in Eastern Ladakh, was also declared as Hanle Dark Sky Reserve (HDSR) in December 2022, where enthusiasts and researchers from the world over gather to study and observe stars in the Milky Way galaxy as well as neighbouring galaxies, nebulae, planets and other celestial wonders. Hanle houses the Himalayan Chandra Telescope (HCT), a 2-meter optical-infrared telescope, besides the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) telescope and High-Altitude Gamma Ray Telescope Array (HAGAR).

To help locals benefit from astronomy, experts from Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) and Department of Science and Technology (DST) trained 24 Ladakhi locals to become astro-guides and help tourists visiting Ladakh in 2022. The concept is slowly gaining traction and over 40 Ladakhis have been trained, given telescopes and encouraged to help visitors and researchers. Interestingly, astro-tourism is now helping improve ecotourism and the number of homestays in the region.

An expert from the Hanle observatory said that while HDSR is best known for its dark night skies, there is a need to regulate tourism in Hanle. So astro-guides in other parts of Ladakh are also being trained. This is helping Ladakhis who left their homes post-education, for cities like Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru, to reverse-migrate to their home towns to reap the benefits of astro-tourism. "The skies in other Himalayan regions are not as dark as Hanle, but some pockets have potential. People are approaching us from other regions to become astro-guides and promote astro-tourism," the expert added.

Now, IIA has placed 6-7 cameras in different locations of Ladakh. Many homestays, too, have telescopes at their premises to attract people.

Niruj Mohan, head of outreach section at IIA, said the local community has been trained to become astro-tourism guides. The science-driven concept is empowering locals and astro-tourism is becoming popular in the region. Apart from other occupations, during night hours they work as 'HDSR Astronomy Ambassadors' for visiting tourists.

He added that they were also having discussions with other state governments in the Himalayan region to popularise astro-tourism, train locals and make them astro-guides. Many astro-entrepreneur companies and semi-government agencies are also offering star-gazing schemes and training people.

Astro-guides were seen popularising astro-tourism during the recently held HDSR star party during September 18-23, 2025, organised by IIA, Department of Wildlife Protection of UT Ladakh and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. Prof Annapurni Subramaniam, Director, IIA, said Hanle has a unique and promising position for astronomy and research. The dark skies and transparent atmosphere make observations and photographing unique and faint celestial objects easy and ideal, which is difficult from other locations.

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,48,45,853/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Eight Lakh Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Three only)** as on **31-08-2025** together with further interest to be charged from **01-09-2025** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. P. Sandeep, S/o. N.H. Puttegowda, No.59, 1st D Cross, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Sathyanarayana Layout, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore - 560079. No.2) Mr. N.H. Puttegowda, S/o. Puttanna Hanumaiah, No.59, 1st D Cross, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Sathyanarayana Layout, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore - 560079. No.3) Mrs. Gayathri, W/o. N.H. Puttegowda, No.59, 1st D Cross, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Sathyanarayana Layout, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore - 560079.**

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Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Properties Owned by Mr. P. Sandeep, S/o. N.H. Puttegowda)

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing New Municipal No.27, (Old property No.21/7, then 7). in PID No.53-79-27 and Residential property bearing New No.21/6, in PID No.53-79-21/6, measuring East to West Northern Side 70 feet, Southern Side 60 feet, North to South Eastern side 60 feet, Western side 70 feet in all measuring 4,225 Sq.ft., situated at 7th Cross, Raghavendra Block, Srinagar, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.53 and bounded on the: East by : Private property, West by : Private property, North by : Road, South by : Private Property.

Schedule - B: Property 232 Sq.feet undivided Right, Title and Interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule A Property.

Schedule - C : Property Flat bearing No.004, in Ground Floor, measuring about 995 sq.feet Super built-up Area containing Two Bed Rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Granite Flooring together with one Covered Car Parking Space, including proportionate share in Common Area such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, Lift, etc. in the multistoried Residential Building known as "Shri Saila Residency" constructed over the Schedule A Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.50,00,000/-
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RE-AUCTION DETAILS

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Calendar of tendering events are as follows

1	Tender Publishing Date	06.10.2025
2	Date of availability of Tender Documents of KPP Portal	08.10.2025
3	Last date for online Submission of Technical and Financial Bid	23.10.2025 upto 17.25 Hours
4	Opening of Technical Bid	24.10.2025 at 17.30 Hours
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Office of the Dy. General Manager (Civil), UJVN Limited, Munsyari, Pithoragarh, invites online bids for construction of Sirkari Bhyol Rupsiabagar HEP (3X40 MW), Munsyari from interested parties. Brief summary of tenders are given below:-

Tender No. (Package-I) : 02/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2025-26
Tender No. (Package-II) : 03/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2025-26
Tender No. (Package-III) : 04/DGM(Civil)y/SBR/2025-26

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Name of work (Pac-II): Construction of Feeder tunnel, Desander, HRT, SFT, surge shaft, valve house, adits and its appurtenant works & associated project roads.

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EDITORIAL

"Peace rules the day where reason rules the mind" — William Cowper

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PUNITIVE POPULATION NORM MUSTN'T SHAPE DISASTROUS CHOICES

IN Madhya Pradesh, a forest recently became the unlikely refuge for a three-day-old infant, abandoned beneath a stone by his own parents. His parents were neither poor nor uneducated—both were government school teachers. Their fear was not of poverty, but of losing their jobs for having a fourth child. The incident stems from Madhya Pradesh's two-child rule for government employees, enforced from January 26, 2001, which disqualifies staff with more than two children. In 2022 alone, 954 teachers in Vidisha district received notices for violating this law. This is not an isolated policy. Assam, Maharashtra and Rajasthan also penalise government employees for breaking the two-child norm. Gujarat, Uttarakhand and Telangana disqualify such individuals from contesting local bodies' elections. Chhattisgarh, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh have since revoked comparable measures, while Uttar Pradesh never followed up on a similar Bill. Framed as population control, these norms operate as instruments of economic coercion. The law has judicial backing. In 2024, the Supreme Court ruled in a case involving a Rajasthan employee that it was a matter of state discretion.

In a largely patriarchal society, the abandonment of a male newborn shows how state-imposed fear can overwhelm natural parental instinct. The infant is now under medical supervision, and the parents may face charges, including attempted murder. The criminal case will follow its course, but the policy that cornered them into such an act remains largely unquestioned. Punitive two-child norms do not prevent childbirth. Often, pregnancies go unregistered, deliveries occur at home, and children vanish from official records. Ironically, this coercive focus contrasts with parts of South India, where anxiety over declining population share shapes political debate. States that successfully reduced fertility rates now fear losing central tax devolution and parliamentary representation in future delimitation exercises. In Andhra Pradesh, for instance, there have even been calls for couples to have more children.

At its core, this reflects the enduring tension between family autonomy and state interests in population control. Reproductive choices should be guided by health, awareness and dignity, not threats to livelihood. Article 21 of the Constitution guarantees personal liberty, including bodily autonomy, while Article 16 ensures equal access to public employment. Sustainable population control arises not from coercion, but through access to healthcare, education and financial security. Reduce birth rates peacefully, not punitively.

UNCERTAINTY LOOMS OVER T'GANA LOCAL BODY POLLS

DEMOCRACY in action often resembles a carnival, especially during local body elections. Yet, the state election commission's announcement of Telangana's five-phase election schedule, spanning October 9 to 11, was met with a muted rather than euphoric response. A cloud of uncertainty now hangs over the electoral process, largely triggered by the state government issuing a government order mandating a 42 percent quota for backward classes (BC), even as a related bill awaits the Governor's approval. The problem is not the reservation per se. The matter has already reached the High Court and the Supreme Court, and, based on past experience, it appears likely that the quota hike is unsustainable.

Irrespective of the outcome, the question is whether parties and the public are willing to join the contest in right earnest. Everyone is on the horns of a dilemma. If the courts issue an interim order, would that change the schedule? Experts believe that courts would not halt the election. However, there is a possibility that the government might seek time for an appeal. If that also fails, there may be no option but to stick with the existing quota within the 50 percent limit. In that case, the onus will be on the Congress, BRS, and BJP to ensure the BCs receive a 42 percent quota in their respective nominations.

Insiders in all parties admit it is easier said than done, given the local permutations and combinations. At least one main opposition party is understood to have decided not to go full throttle, and another is counting on its strong bastions to conserve resources. This leaves the ruling Congress to make the best of it. If the election itself is delayed, that wouldn't augur well for Telangana. Elections are already overdue by almost 20 months, and the state will not be able to receive Central funds under the 10th Schedule, hampering development in villages. The Centre has already withheld grants for rural local bodies for 2024-25, totalling ₹1,514 crore, due to the absence of elections. How smoothly the elections proceed will have consequences far beyond mere political arithmetic, directly affecting the governance and development of the state's villages. Regardless of how we look at it, a bumpy road lies ahead.

QUICK TAKE

ROBOCAR RUCKUS

IMAGINE the police stopping a car—only to find *nobody* driving it. That's exactly what happened in California recently, when a robotaxi pulled an illegal U-turn. No driver, no ticket because the current laws are written for humans, not software. That's the loophole. These autonomous cars are already causing trouble—blocking streets and ignoring no-parking signs. Funny as it sounds, the problem is real. California's amending laws and will start holding companies accountable from 2026. India, meanwhile, is understandably cautious—worried about drivers losing jobs and the chaotic traffic. Despite the concerns, pilot projects are being lined up. The future may be driverless—but it's definitely going to be messy.

The disputed Katchatheevu Island's settlement entailed give & take. The measured decision prioritised bilateral ties, and both India and Sri Lanka stood to gain from settling maritime boundaries

FISHING WARS, POLITICAL RHETORIC AND A DEAD ISSUE

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A small island spanning 285 acres (1.16 sq km) situated approximately 33 km from the Indian coast and 24 km from Delft Island in northern Sri Lanka sparks controversy each time Tamil Nadu prepares for elections.

For Sri Lanka, the island is a non-issue and a matter settled way back in 1974. Sri Lanka's northern Tamils, with a history of relying on India to reflect their concerns on ethnicity, separate homeland, language rights, and so on, also treat the dispute over Katchatheevu Island as settled. It is they who are impacted and hence vocal about Indian fishers entering Sri Lankan waters, which directly affects their livelihood.

However, the island is back in the news, as Vijay, an actor-turned-politician and leader of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), has dredged up the matter to criticise all governments since 1974. Vijay has claimed that nearly 800 fishers have died over the years due to Sri Lanka's navy shooting them. The actor-politician was quoted in the Indian media as saying, "I am not asking for something big for you to condemn this. Please do something very small. Retrieve Katchatheevu from Sri Lanka at least now for our fishers' safety. That would be enough."

It is customary for Tamil Nadu politicians to critique the Indian National Congress for what they call a fundamental mistake that has risked the safety of Indian fishers and their livelihood. Even the ruling BJP has used Katchatheevu as an election slogan, but treats it as a matter that is resolved, yet convenient to be dredged up during elections to make impassioned speeches and muster support among Tamil voters. The election gimmick is well known, but it has some weightage in Tamil Nadu.

Vijay went a step further, glorifying Velupillai Prabhakaran, the slain leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), calling him the mother of Sri Lanka's Tamils. The LTTE is believed to have carried out the assassination of Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, and the organisation that remains prohibited in India.

Vijay's call to acquire Katchatheevu received a response from Sri Lanka. Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath reaffirmed Sri Lanka's sovereignty over the island. He dismissed Vijay's remarks as political rhetoric meant to win votes before the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections in April-May 2026. Vijay is following a rhetorical stance used by many Tamil Nadu leaders before him, including M Karunanidhi of DMK, J Jayalalithaa, and Vaiko. They have all demanded the acquisition of this uninhabited island, situated between Neduntheevu in Sri Lanka and Rameshwaram in India, which has traditionally been used by fishermen from both countries.

It is important to understand that the settlement of the disputed island entailed both give and take. The measured decision prioritised diplomacy and bilateral ties, and both countries stood to gain from settling the maritime boundaries. India ceded the island, conferring permanent sovereignty and jurisdiction over the Katchatheevu island to Colombo through a 1974 agreement, which delineated the India-Sri Lanka International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL). Equally significant to note that Sri Lanka, then Ceylon, had been laying claim to Katchatheevu since 1920.

Similarly, a significant bilateral agreement in 1976 established the Wadge Bank within India's exclusive economic zone, which upheld India's sovereign rights over the bank and banned Sri Lankan fishing activities there. Further, the agreement envisaged the possibility of future oil and gas exploration in the bank. The benefits of Wadge Bank are not discussed as often.

The area is a large continental shelf south of Cape Comorin, known as Kanyakumari. It is rich in resources, offering deep-sea fishing opportunities and hydrocarbon reserves. The agreement restricted Sri Lankan fishers from entering the area. It placed the area within India's exclusive economic zone.

Beyond territorial claims, the issue affects fishers and their livelihood. Vijay referenced about 800 fishermen killed. In 2024, Sri Lanka's navy arrested 535 Indian fishers near Katchatheevu for fishing in Sri Lankan waters. Authorities seized 198 Indian trawlers, and 142 people remain in custody. In 2022 and 2023, the number of arrested Indian fishers was 229 and 220, respectively.

The central issue is that, fifty years after the island was ceded, the bilateral issue persists. Arrests of Indian fishers for violating Sri Lankan waters remain contentious. Fishers have long complained of ill-treatment, including physical violence and harsh, prolonged detention. Tamil Nadu has often urged the Centre to act. However, the proposed solution is usually the takeover of the ceded island, rather than establishing a reliable mechanism to manage cross-border fishing, prevent inhumane treatment, and respect territorial boundaries.

The issue of fishers from both countries keeps coming up in bilateral talks. However, these fishers still risk jail time and lose their boats and equipment. Both countries have agreed to a humanitarian approach when dealing with each other's fishers. New Delhi has called for humane handling and respect for agreements. Colombo says its territory must be respected, given that the island was ceded fifty years ago. Indian fishers have two specific rights in Katchatheevu: the right to dry their nets and the right to attend the annual three-day St Anthony festival (no visa required). In 2024, two deaths were reported, while there were none in 2022 and 2023.

The 1974 and 1976 agreements set maritime boundaries and banned unauthorised fishing. However, Tamil Nadu fishers still often fish in Sri Lankan waters. This raises serious concerns for their safety, their livelihoods, and Sri Lanka's exclusive economic zone rights. Fishing in Sri Lankan waters went largely unchallenged during almost thirty years of Sri Lankan internal conflict. But this does not grant an ongoing right to fish in foreign waters. India should recognise this. Instead of letting the problem remain by trading accusations, Colombo and Delhi should work together and keep Indian fishermen out of Lankan waters and ensure the safety and dignity of any arrested fishers.

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A PIR'S BLESSING

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FAITHLINE

BEGUM Akhtar, the beloved 20th-century Hindustani singer, was born on October 7, 1914, and died on October 30, 1974. YouTube features her dadra (six-beat song), "*Hamri atariya pe aao savariya*," composed by Sudarshan Fakir, as well as ghazals like "*Woh jo hum me tum me qarar tha*" by Momin, and thumris. An all-too-human persona, she was nevertheless influenced by fascinating occurrences, some of them spiritually profound. I learned of several incidents back in 2001 from her disciple, Rita Ganguly.

1914, Faizabad. Singer Mushtari Bai has given birth to twin girls, Anwari and Akhtari. Her Sayyid husband has married her legally, but has not taken her home. His hostile relatives manage to poison the babies. Anwari dies. Akhtari survives.

1924, Faizabad. Akhtari learns music from stern old Ata Mohammed Khan. Every time she thinks she's got a note right, he scolds harshly: "*Taaseer kab sikhoge*?" (When will you learn quality?). Akhtari is only ten. What could taaseer possibly mean? One day, she hears a mendicant street singer. "*Kaliyarwale, mere Sain, laaj rakhli jo aaj rakhli/Ishq mein tere umar gawaai/Laaj rakhli jo aaj rakhli*," croons the fakir about the 13th-century Sufi, Sabir Shah of Kaliyar Sharif, a shrine near Roorkee. Young as she is, Akhtari recognises that this is *taaseer*, that it develops only after the heart has been battered by pain, love, and longing.

That year, she is taken to an important musical gathering in Calcutta. The audience is restless, waiting for the big singers. "Shall I send in Akhtari meanwhile?" asks her teacher. "This chit?" the organisers protest, but send her anyway. "*Ya Maula Ali madad*," whispers Akhtari, trembling in fright, before singing a traditional air. Waves of applause follow, but despite that encouraging start, her life lacks progress.

1925, Bareilly Sharif. Mushtari Bai stands at the Sufi's door with her daughter, a dupatta held out in supplication. "Nothing is hidden from you," she murmurs, "I have neither income nor people. What should I do with my daughter? Marry her off or let her sing?" The pir considers Akhtari's rebellious stance. "Is that a songbook in your hand?" he asks. Akhtari nods impertinently. "Open it anywhere and bring it to me," he says. Tossing her head, Akhtari does so. The pir places his hand on the open page. "Begin your next performance with whichever song is printed here," he tells her in blessing. Impressed, Akhtari obeys. Behzad Lucknawi's lyrics become a runaway hit: "*Deewana banana hai toh deewana bana de/Varna kahin taqdeer tamasha na bana de*." Years later, the rendition is recorded and sells so much that HMV imports a record-pressing plant from England after initially dispatching her recording there for production.

However, Akhtari strays from music, acting for Bombay's Corinthian Theatre in theological plays like *Sita* and *Damayanti*. She befriends a smart, Westernised set, knocks back cocktails, parties late with glamorous companions, and speeds an expensive car for the thrill.

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Driving at maniacal speed some years later, Begum Akhtar almost killed a young barrister, Ishtiaq Ahmed Abbasi, the Nawab of Kakoli. Quixotically, he fell in love with her

1930, Bhopal. The Nawab celebrates his son's wedding. Each royal house brings its top artists. Their musicians and dancing girls are so finely dressed that the nobility jests that they are grander than the *bahu-betis* in purdah. A *mehfil* or soiree is arranged. Akhtari goes, too, as an incidental presence. Royal women listen from screened galleries.

Divas like Rasoolan Bai of Benares, Kesarbai Kerkar, the Malka-e-khayal, and Siddheshwari Devi, the Malka-e-thumri, sing sublimely. Then, the Maharaja of Benares raises his voice. "*Ab gaana sun liya jaaye*," (Let's hear some singing now), he says to the Nawab of Bhopal with suspenseful intent. The Nawab nods, intrigued, and 'Kashi Naresh' snaps his fingers. "*Aao*, Badi Maina," he summons. A simply dressed woman, with no rings or chains, emerges from the back. "Has she come to a wedding or a funeral?" runs the disapproving whisper. Badi Maina requests permission to sit. A resonant dhrupad, that oldest and mightiest of musical measures, pours forth in the majestic raga Darbari Kaanada. "*Mubarak badhaiyan Allah Rasool ne tohe deen hai*," sings Badi Maina. It is Mian Tansen's own composition, created at Akbar's behest for the wedding of Prince Salim.

Akhtari, like everyone else, is stunned. "I have ruined my life," she weeps, and goes straight to Behre Wahid Khan of the Kirana Gharana. Akhtari learns well and gains recognition. Inevitably, she is invited to Rampur by its Nawab, a connoisseur of music.

1934, Rampur. Great ustads have assembled for the Nawab's pleasure. It is winter, and Akhtari feels unwell. She absents herself, but the Nawab sends for her. She is compelled to sing, and he gifts her his costly shawl. A jealous tabla ustad hisses, "How did this two-bit creature walk off with such a reward?" Furious, Akhtari plots revenge. Boldly entering the Nawab's courtyard when he is being massaged, she suggests that until he experiences the magic fingers of the tabla wizard, he'll never know what a true massage is. Her enemy is humiliated, and Akhtari is bedecked with jewellery. She pays dearly for it. That evening, the Dewan comes with an 'invitation' from the Nawab. Panicked, Akhtari vanishes instantly. She resurfaces only after two years, in Lucknow.

1937, Lucknow. Akhtari's talent cannot be hidden. Many concerts follow. Driving at maniacal speed some years later, she almost kills a young barrister, Ishtiaq Ahmed Abbasi, the Nawab of Kakoli. Quixotically, he falls in love with her. It is the stuff of legend how Akhtari marries him in 1945, despite the condition that she stops singing, charms his family, and then returns powerfully to music in 1949 after a deep depression from having stopped. Happily, her music lives on to enchant new generations.

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Multipolar anchor

Ref: *India at the Lagrange point* (Oct 5). India's current diplomatic position is apt, but it shouldn't dictate its destiny. We must leverage this position through an accretion-driven approach, steadily amassing economic, strategic and technological heft, until India's gravitas as a promising leader is sufficient to establish itself. Among other possible players to claim the spot, India, with a historic repute, stands a better chance as the anchor of the multipolar world.
Anwesha Mishra, Bhadrak

Elderly's due

Ref: *Golden dividend from silver years* (Oct 5). Despite various welfare measures for the elderly by governments, aged people are considered a liability by family, forgetting that the current privileges the younger ones enjoy are equally entitled to them.
D Sethuraman, Chennai

Systemic reform

Ref: *Regular training can stem rot in judiciary* (Oct 4). It's a welcome decision as it will not only be a cause and course correction for the erring judges but will also mould future lower-level judicial officers. Yes, it's paradigm reformation indeed!
R Sampath, email

Fearless George

Ref: *TJS, that legend down the corridor* (Oct 4). Upon hearing the news of TJS George's demise, I couldn't hold back my tears. He was sure, steady yet not stubborn, and romantic throughout his profession; a fighter against corruption and injustice through all walks of life. A true loss for the country.
Appan Masillamani, Tirunelveli

Healthcare shame

Ref: *Centre makes U-turn on cough syrup* (Oct 5). It is hard to think of a simpler medication than cough syrups. The availability of toxic medicines, an oxymoron, that are 'injurious to health' and can prove fatal to its most vulnerable consumers, mirrors the state of healthcare in India.
G David Milton, Maruthancode

Clarion call

Ref: *Tariffs, Trump, Tradition, and the Tyranny of Tantrums* (Oct 5). As rightly pointed out by the author, tariff impositions on India is indeed an opportunity to reclaim India's past glory, highlighting the quality and uniqueness of our products for which we have been known for centuries. It's time to tighten the belts, not necessarily as a step towards *atmanirbharta* but more for our *swabhiman*.
Sriramprasad Ramamurthy, email

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Prashant Bhushan @pbhushan1
100s of Crores of Electoral bonds were given to the BJP by pharmaceutical companies to prevent food regulators from banning harmful products that they were selling.

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
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I don't want to comment about Rahul Gandhi Ji's regular personal trip abroad. But as Leader of Opposition, we are worried due to his constant India-shaming & India-bashing!

• DGCA to maintain rigorous aviation oversight during festival rush • Emergency device activated, probe sought

Airlines told to avoid fare hikes, deploy more flights

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has directed airlines to not effect any fare surge due to the massive festive season travel rush. The move was in step with a mandate issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation to the aviation regulator to keep track of airfares in light of the festive rush.

During festive seasons and increased demand, there have been instances of surge in domestic airfares, especially in high traffic routes.

DGCA has also ordered flight operators to deploy additional flights to meet the huge demand expected. Four airlines will deploy an additional 1750 flights across routes to cater to the rush.

An official release from the ministry said that multiple airlines have assured that they would augment their flight capacity following a review meeting held by the regulator with them.

"The DGCA will maintain rigorous oversight of airline fares and flight capacities to protect passengers' interests during the festive season," the release added.

Indigo will operate 730 additional flights across 42 sectors; Air India & Air India Express will deploy approximately 486 additional flights across 20 sectors and SpiceJet will operate 546 additional flights across 38 sectors. An Air India source shared some of the routes the airline planned to operate, which are flights to Kolkata from Delhi, and Mumbai Hyderabad, to Patna from Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru, and to Bengaluru from Delhi and Kolkata.

"We would be operating multiple flights per week in each of these routes and they would be in operation till early November," the Air India source said.

After mid-air scare, AI Dreamliner lands in UK

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

AN Air India Boeing Dreamliner flight from Amritsar to Birmingham suffered a major scare as its emergency device, Ram Air Tribune (RAT), got auto activated mid-air minutes before landing. Air India has cancelled the return leg of the flight which reached Amritsar via Delhi. Aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), is probing the incident.

The flight has now been cleared for operations by the DGCA, an Air India source said. The flight will depart from Birmingham soon after it gets clearance from other authorities.

The RAT gets auto deployed whenever there is a electrical or hydraulic power failure or if both the engines of an aircraft fail. In the deadly Ahmedabad plane crash on June 12, the RAT got deployed before the crash.

The Boeing 787-788 aircraft took off at from Amritsar's Shree Guru Ram Das jee international Airport on Saturday at 12.58 pm, and the RAT got activated at 500 feet, just before landing.

In a statement, an Air India spokesperson said, "The operating crew of flight AI117 from Amritsar to Birmingham on October 4 detected deployment of the Ram Air Turbine (RAT) of the aircraft during its final approach. All electrical and hydraulic parameters were found normal, and the aircraft performed a safe landing at Birmingham. The aircraft has been grounded for further checks and consequently, AI114 from Birmingham to Delhi has been cancelled and alternative arrangements are being made to accommodate the guests".

The Federation of Indian Pilots has urged the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the DGCA to conduct a thorough probe of the electrical system of all air-conditioning units of all Boeing series flights.

INSIDER TRACK

BJP goes family-unfriendly

Just as whispers grow louder about Bihar CM Nitish Kumar's son, Nishant, making his political debut from a "safe" seat, the BJP appears to be signalling it's had enough of the "beta-beti politics" which it has often accused others of indulging in. "Parivarvaad nahi chalega is baar," is the quiet war cry echoing in BJP corridors. According to party insiders, the high command has all but decided to deny tickets to kith and assorted kin of sitting or former MPs and MLAs — a move as symbolic as it is strategic. The message? No ticket by inheritance. And here's the kicker: "Kisi neta ke bachche ka ticket is baar pakka nahi hai," bemoaned a leader. Translation: there might be some very disappointed VIP offspring this poll season. The decision, while apparently aimed at sharpening the party's anti-nepotism credentials, may also test the BJP's ability to maintain its internal harmony — especially when allies like JD(U) might plan to launch Nishant Kumar into the fray.

Desi Comrades in China

CPI(M) General Secretary M.A. Baby recently led a delegation to China at the invite of the International Department of the Communist Party of China. In tow were Politburo members Mohammed Salim, Jitendra Chaudhury, and R. Arun Kumar, plus Central Committee comrades K. Hemalata and C.S. Sujatha—carefully balanced on regional and ideological lines. The itinerary included a visit to Comrade Mao Zedong's Mausoleum, which remains an essential rite of passage for all leftist teams (some might say, more a photo-op than a pilgrimage). Beijing had sent a goodwill message to CPI(M)'s recent Madurai Congress, a standard boilerplate about strong ties and bilateral bonhomie. Curiously, Prakash Karat, the veteran Politburo coordinator, didn't utter the word "China" in his opening speech. He focused on US imperialism, Trump, and Modi government's foreign policy. However, he remembered to tip his hat to Cuba, seemingly giving the world's largest Communist Party the silent treatment. Deliberate? No one's saying.

Red, aged, and still in command

Meanwhile, in Ajoy Bhawan, the CPI headquarters, D. Raja is back as General Secretary for a third term, despite being 76 years old. The Kerala unit made polite noises about wanting fresh leadership, but fell in line. In the grand old communist party scheme of inner democracy, consensus still trumps contest. Raja, with his calm baritone and unflappable demeanour, remains one of the more articulate communist voices in the national media. It also helps that the CPI's numbers are so modest that no one's too eager for the top job. In Bihar, the CPI's strongest unit outside the South, seasoned leader Ram Naresh Pandey heads the state unit. He is comfortably past 75. A CPI member quipped, "We don't do 'youth wings' like the others — we are the vintage wing." Make of that what you will.

Keep your MLAs close, rebels closer

Call it the Great Bihar Rebellion Watch — and BJP, JD(U), and RJD bosses are glued to it. They are on high alert over a growing fear: MLA mutiny. "No party is immune from rebellion this time," admitted a BJP strategist, uneasily. The anxiety is real. All the parties are under pressure to field "fresh faces with better winnability"; several sitting MLAs may soon find themselves out of the reckoning — and possibly in a rival's camp the next morning, or worse, float as independents. "There's ambition everywhere. Deny one ticket, and you might create a mini-party overnight," joked a JDU insider, not entirely in jest. All parties are apparently holding frequent 'tea-and-trust' sessions with sitting MLAs to soften the blow — or at least pre-empt an angry press release. Expect a few high-decibel exits and teary-eyed Facebook posts when the candidate lists are out.

Grand Alliance: Conditional dosti

A Congress leader summed up the mood with Bihari wit: "No seat, no mit" — which loosely translates to "No friendship without fair share". Bihar's Mahagathbandhan (Grand Alliance) is headed for some good old-fashioned seat-sharing drama. With Congress feeling a bit more confident post-Rahul Gandhi's Vote Adhikar Yatra, the party is keen to negotiate from a perceived position of strength — or, at least, visible stamina. But RJD leaders, always poetic in rhetoric, aren't entirely convinced. "Dosti me daga nahi, lekin seats aukat layak," says one loyalist, meaning friendwhip is fine, but let's talk numbers based on muscle. Some also assert crowds at the Yatra showed up for Tejashwi rather than Rahul. "Be honest," said one RJD foot soldier, "More people came for Tejashwi's rally than for Rahul's yatra. Let's not pretend otherwise." Seat-share talks, expected to start soon, will likely echo what Lalu Prasad once reportedly told the Congress: "Pehle pehlwan lao, phir seats maango" — bring heavyweight candidates, then let's talk numbers. Nobody's ready to concede their strongholds without a fight.

Tribal Village Vision-30 Declaration adopted in 1 lakh special gram sabhas

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

TRIBAL communities, through special gram sabhas passed the Tribal Village Vision-2030 Declaration under the Adi Sewa Parv in tribal-dominated villages, on October 2.

Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the initiative was made possible during the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh, being observed from November 15, 2024 to November 15, 2025 by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

According to Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jual Oram, in response to the move, 1 lakh villages formally adopted the Tribal Vision 2030 Declaration, while 1 lakh Adi Sewa Kendra as single-window citizen service centres with weekly Adi Sewa Hours were also established across the tribal dominated villages.

Village Vision 2030 is a transformative moment for India's tribal communities. "This initiative empowers every village to take decision on development roadmap ensuring that decisions are made by the people, for the people", the minister said.

As part of this effort, the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan was also launched, envisaged as the world's largest tribal grassroots leadership mission—aimed at reaching over 11.5 crore tribal citizens across 1 lakh villages spread across 30 states and Union Territories.

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Jual Oram, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs

According to an official source, tribal villages and pockets formally adopted their Tribal Village Vision-2030 Declaration during special Gram Sabhas held across these areas on October 2 this year. This participatory process ensures that each tribal community charts its own development priorities for the coming decade, in alignment with the Viksit-Bharat@2047 vision.

Sharing the features of the Tribal Village Vision-2030 Declaration, the official source from the concerned ministry stated that each declaration outlines actionable goals in the areas of education, health, livelihood, social and financial inclusion, and infrastructure.

Ministries asked to scale up targets for cleanliness drive

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

CONCERNED by a sharp drop in targets set for cleanliness, record management, and administrative reforms under Special Campaign 5.0, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) has asked ministries and departments to scale up their efforts. In a recent review meeting, it was revealed that several departments had set goals significantly lower than last year; some by more than 50%. DARPG secretary V Srinivas urged all central government bodies, including subordinate offices and PSUs, to adopt a saturation approach and ensure comprehensive participation.

The meeting, held through virtually last month to plan the quantum of activities, was attended by nodal officers from various ministries and departments nominated for the campaign. The status of targets submitted by the ministries and departments for each parameter was discussed in detail and the participants were asked to update targets on priority.

"It was observed that there is a considerable gap in the targets reported till date as compared to last year's achievements and in many cases the deviation is more than 50 pecent. As Special Campaign 5.0 lays thrust on saturation approach, every ministry/ department has to focus on each of its field, attached, subordinate offices autonomous, subordinate organisations and Public Sector Undertakings, etc. It was emphasized that no central government office should be left behind in Special Campaign 5.0," read the minutes of the meeting seen by this newspaper.

Documents go to National Archives for preservation

In cases where documents are deemed fit for long-term preservation, departments have been asked to transfer them to the National Archives of India (NAI). The NAI will showcase selected archival materials received under various Special Campaigns during an exhibition to be held at Dr Ambedkar International Convention Centre starting later this week.

The review also called attention to low pendency figures reported for MPs' and VIP references, noting that the 744 cases cited by ministries did not reflect the actual workload. Departments were asked to verify the data on pending files, especially those from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Cabinet Secretariat.

The secretary of DARPG, who chaired the meeting, also noted that targets for reviewing old records were apparently "under-reported". The ministries and departments were asked to reconcile their data and update targets. It was stated that the record room should be inspected by the designated nodal officer, and records should be reviewed as per the Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMoP).

Post US tariff, seafood exporters look to China, Japan but price gets a hit

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

INDIA may get an alternative seafood market to countervail the impact of unilateral tariffs imposed by the US, but it will not receive a fair price for its exports. Analysis indicates that US consumers pay significantly more for Indian seafood, more than double the average price that China and Japan pay per kilogram. Traders are urging economic ministries to finalise a deal with the US before it's too late.

The US, previously India's largest seafood market, valued at $7.38 billion (35% of exports), implemented a crushing 59.73% tariff on the Indian seafood sector, which eventually destroyed the seafood industry. As a succour to seafood producers and traders, PM Narendra Modi visited China and Japan after the unilateral tariff imposed by the US to get a market for its premier seafood.

However, data shows that China and Japan alone cannot replace the US in terms of value, even though they are the top importers of seafood from India by volume.

Export data from the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) for 2023-24 reveals that India exported 3.29 lakh tonnes of seafood to the US at approximately $7.74 per kilogram, while exports to China reached 4.52 lakh tonnes at around $3.07 per kilogram. Similarly, Japan imported around 1.07 lakh tonnes at around $3.70 per kilogram.

A country that comes close to the US and offers a better price for seafood is Canada. But they import much less in quantity. It imported around 25,000 tonnes at a price of around $7.98/kg.

Andhra advocates for early Free Trade Agreement

Andhra Pradesh, which contributes over 75% of India's total seafood exports, advocates for early Free Trade Agreement with EU to save its industry. Reports suggest that the Andhra Pradesh government and seafood traders have written to the relevant central ministries to request relief similar to that provided during Covid-19.

Seafood exporters are facing a unique dilemma regarding the quality and quantity of their products. "The U.S. is a premium market that typically imports larger, headless shrimp, while China, the second-largest market, primarily imports smaller shrimp (whole shrimp) at lower prices," said Gulrez Alam, Secretary of the Shrimp Feed Manufacturers Association.

Over the period, India lost a major share of its prime market in the European Union.

Navy warship to join fleet in South China Sea

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

CARRYING out its long range deployment, the Indian Navy's indigenous stealth frigate INS Sahyadri made a port call at Malaysia's Kemaman port as part of the Eastern Fleet Operational Deployment to the South China Sea and Indo-Pacific.

"The ship was accorded a warm welcome by the Royal Malaysian Navy, celebrating enduring cultural ties and shared maritime traditions between the two nations," the Navy said on Sunday, adding that the port call was on Oct 2.

This is the third visit by INS Sahyadri to Malaysia. The ship had earlier visited Port Klang on a goodwill mission in 2016, and later participated in Exercise Samudra Laksamana at Kota Kinabalu in 2019. These visits underscore the strong and evolving naval ties between the two countries.

"INS Sahyadri's ongoing operational deployment to the South China Sea and Indo-Pacific, underscores India's stature as a responsible maritime stakeholder and preferred security partner in the Indo-Pacific", said the Navy.

The ship's port call at Kemaman is aimed at further strengthening India-Malaysia maritime military cooperation, interoperability between the two navies and exchanging best naval practices.

The three-day visit included courtesy calls by the Ship's Commanding Officer on senior Royal Malaysian Navy officers, including a call on First Admiral Abd Halim bin Kamarudin, Deputy Commander Naval Region. The visit also featured professional exchanges, cross visits by Indian Navy and RMN officials, cross-training, sport fixtures between the two navies, as well as recreational visits to the city for INS Sahyadri's crew.

The crew also conducted a yoga session and charity event, reflecting the Indian Navy's commitment to wellness, compassion, and strengthening India-Malaysia friendship.

India and Malaysia share a rich and multi-dimensional relationship, shaped by deep-rooted cultural, social and economic ties, spanning millennia. With the ever increasing significance of the Indo-Pacific in the geopolitical seascape, both nations have increasingly recognised the importance of building regional partnerships, based on mutual interest.

The navy-to-navy interactions between India and Malaysia have grown steadily through the biennial LIMA exhibition and MILAN exercises.

UK's Carrier Strike Group set for exercise

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

FOR the first time, the United Kingdom's Carrier Strike Group (CSG), led by aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales, will join the Indian Navy in Exercise Konkan in the Western Indian Ocean.

Both participating nations will deploy frontline assets, including aircraft carriers, destroyers, frigates, submarines, and integral and shore based air assets.

The British High Commission (BHC) on Sunday said, "Whilst the Exercise has been biennial since 2004, it marks the first time in history that a British and Indian Carrier Strike Group will conduct a maritime exercise together."

"Exercise Konkan is aimed at increasing combined maritime and air capabilities between the UK and Indian navies on the high seas", it added.

BONDED NO MORE

A case has been registered against the owner of a brick kiln in Maharashtra's Thane district for allegedly forcing a 13-year-old girl into bonded labour, the police said on Sunday.

1 DEAD AS HOUSE COLLAPSES ON FAMILY IN UP'S FATEHPUR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	31	23	Mumbai	28	25
Bhopal	28	21	Panaji	30	24
Jaipur	27	23	Patna	31	25
Amritsar	24	19	Lucknow	33	24
Chennai	32	26	Port Blair	29	26
Kolkata	30	26	Imphal	28	22
Srinagar	10	06	Chandigarh	25	19

Says 17 initiatives for assembly elections to be replicated nationwide

SIR cleaned up Bihar poll rolls after 22 years: CEC

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

Aadhaar not proof of citizenship: Gyanesh Kumar

During a press conference, CEC Gyanesh Kumar commented on the decision to include the Aadhaar among the documents listed by the Election Commission of India (ECI) as proof for the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar. He noted that while the poll body had accepted Aadhaar during the exercise following a Supreme Court order, it does not serve as evidence of one's citizenship.

CLAIMING that Special Intensive Revision (SIR) 'purified' Bihar's voter list after 22 years, chief election commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar said on Sunday that 17 new initiatives were undertaken for assembly elections in the state. He said these initiatives will be incorporated across the country in due course.

Addressing the media on the last day of his visit to take stock of poll preparedness, Kumar said these initiatives include a new SOP to ensure that EPIC cards are delivered to voters within 15 days of registration and a mobile deposit facility at polling booths. The number of voters in each booth has been restricted to 1,200 to avoid long queues during eleventh hour of polling.

Kumar said, "While some initiatives have been successfully implemented in Bihar, some will be implemented in the conduct of the elections and some in the counting of votes. In Bihar, there is an ERO in each of the 243 assembly constituencies. 243 EROs and 90,207 BLOs completed the task of cleaning the voter list after 22 years."

He expressed satisfaction over the manner SIR was conducted in Bihar. In response to a query, he said the SIR was carried out in accordance with the law. "Revision of voter lists is required before every election and a review after the polls won't be in accordance with the law," CEC said, apparently to counter the Opposition's offensive on the SIR.

On acceptance of Aadhaar as a proof in addition to 11 documents listed by the EC, he said that while the poll body accepted Aadhaar during the rolls revision following a Supreme Court order, the document is not a proof of citizenship. "Aadhar Act is neither proof of citizenship nor birth of an individual, it is merely proof of identity," he said.

He said the Bihar assembly elections would be completed before November 22, when the current tenure of the state assembly ends. He appealed to voters to participate in the democratic process with the same enthusiasm as they celebrate the Chhath festival.

In response to another query, CEC said the SIR in the state brought the number of eligible voters from 7.89 crore to 7.42 crore in the state. He said that those names were deleted from the electoral rolls who had died, shifted permanently from their earlier places or were not citizens of India.

Pradhan, Tejashwi hold series of meetings with alliance partners

NDA, Oppn scramble to seal seat-sharing deals

RAMASHANKAR & RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna/New Delhi

Bid to placate Manjhi & Kushwaha's parties

Union minister and BJP's in-charge for Bihar elections, Dharmendra Pradhan, met senior leaders of NDA's allies, including HAM's Jitan Ram Manjhi, JD(U)'s Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh and RLM's Upendra Kushwaha. Pradhan, accompanied by Vinod Tawade and deputy chief minister Samrat Chaudhary, held discussions with Manjhi on election related issues, including seat-sharing arrangements.

WITH a three-member Election Commission of India (EC) team winding up its two-day visit to election-bound Bihar on Sunday, ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and Opposition parties have intensified their efforts to seal the seat-sharing dea.

Opposition INDIA bloc leaders held a meeting at the official residence of RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav in the state capital to discuss seat-sharingarrangements for the upcoming assembly election.

The meeting was attended by senior leaders of RJD, Congress, Left parties and VIP. Soon after the meeting, CPM leader Ajay Kumar said, "The seat-sharing along INDIA bloc allies has been finalised. A formal announcement seat-sharing will be made on Tuesday."

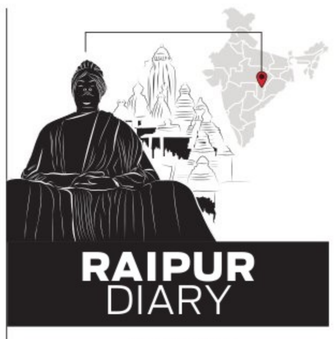
Bihar Congress president Rajesh Ram and VIP chief Mukesh Sahani were also present at the meeting. In addition, RJD held a separate meeting with its core leaders to finalise the seat-allocation among INDIA bloc partners.

The ruling NDA has also stepped-up activities on this front. Union minister and BJP's in-charge for Bihar elections, Dharmendra Pradhan, met senior leaders of NDA's allies, including JD(U)'s Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, HAM's Jitan Ram Manjhi and RLM's Upendra Kushwaha. Pradhan, accompanied by Vinod Tawade and deputy chief minister Samrat Chaudhary, held discussions with Manjhi on election related issues, including seat-sharing arrangements. The meeting between Pradhan and Manjhi lasted for nearly half an hour.

On being contacted, Manjhi said, "We discussed seat-sharing arrangements among NDA partners. There is no issue, all is well within NDA. Seat-sharing will be finalised at the earliest." Manjhi left for New Delhi by an evening flight to discuss the seat-sharing deal.

Later Pradhan called on JD(U) MP Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) chief Upendra Kushwaha, separately. Lalan Singh, however, described the meeting with BJP leaders as a 'courtesy meeting'.

BJP sources said that the party is likely to contest around 102 seats, while the JD(U) will be get about 105, due to the LJP (RV) remaining within the NDA. It is speculated that the remaining seats, out of the total 243, will be distributed among other allies.



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Govt rules out 'peace talks' with Maoists

In the absence of clarity in the demands put forth by Maoists to facilitate peace talks with temporary ceasefire, the Centre has ruled out possibility of any 'peace talk' for the time being. According to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, "nothing remains to talk about" (with Maoists) when the Centre and state government are seen committed to ensuring development and peace in the disturbed areas. So far, the banned outfit has released six letters, laying down conditional peace talk proposals. The ongoing decisive offensive against the Red ultras indicates there are no strong reasons to hold conditional dialogues with CPI (Maoist).

1st National Highway tunnel in the state

Chhattisgarh gets its first National Highway—2.79 km long completed in just 12 months by National Highways Authority of India. The tunnel is a part of the Raipur-Visakhapatnam Economic corridor. The twin-tube tunnel will substantially reduce the travel time between Raipur and Visakhapatnam. The accomplishment is expected to augment the regional trade and industry, opening up new scope for tourism and socio-economic integration. Vishnu Deo Sai government citing the tunnel as a historic step is optimistic that it will build a prosperous and empowered Chhattisgarh.

Raipur tops in water conservation efforts

The Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) has secured the No.1 spot across India under the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) 1.0 programme, completing 33,082 structures. RMC cited the award as a recognition of people's power through the collective efforts intended to conserve water. Hyderabad (14,363) and Gorakhpur (14,331) followed in second and third place. At the state level, Chhattisgarh finished second with 4,05,563 structures, behind Telangana (5,20,362). RMC will receive ₹2 crore for surpassing the 10,000-structure milestone. A total of 67 districts nationwide have been recognised under three categories — ₹2 crore, ₹1 crore and ₹25 lakh.

Ladakh council polls may be put off amid unrest

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE election to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, whose term is set to expire on November 2, is likely to be postponed due to recent unrest in the Leh district and the approaching harsh winter in Ladakh.

Given the tense atmosphere and logistical challenges, sources indicate the polls may now be pushed to March or April next year. Although curfew has been gradually eased and the situation is slowly returning to normal, tension still lingers in Leh over the September 24 violence.

Besides the unrest, there are also administrative reasons for the potential delay. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in August 2024 announced the creation of five new districts in Ladakh and introduced a 33 per cent reservation for women in both the Leh and Kargil Hill Councils. However, the new districts have not yet been formally established, and the reserved seats for women have yet to be identified.

In light of the challenges, the L-G may consult MHA to either extend the council's term by six months or transfer authority to the deputy commissioner after November 2, when the current council's five-year term ends.

'Have to take PoK back': RSS chief talks oneness of India

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

The whole of India is one home. But someone has usurped one room of our house, where we kept our table, chair and clothes. We have to take it back —Mohan Bhagwat, RSS chief

ADDRESSING a gathering in eastern Madhya Pradesh's Satna district on the concluding day of his two-day visit to the BJP-ruled state's Vindhya region, RSS Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday stressed the oneness of India as a nation.

"Many Sindhi brothers are sitting here. I am very happy that they did not go to Pakistan. They came to the undivided India. This should be passed on to the new generation, because we have one home. Circumstances may have sent us here from that home, but that 'home' and this 'home' are not separate," he said, further expressing, "The whole of India is one home. But someone has usurped one room of our house, where we kept our table, chair and clothes. We have to take it back."

Calling for unity, he emphasised, "We are all one, all Sanatanis and Hindus. The British divided us by showing us a broken mirror. But we must now unite by seeing into a good mirror. If we look at a mirror with spiritual traditions, we will certainly appear in one."

Speaking at the event marking the inauguration ceremony of the newly constructed Baba Mehar Shah Darbar building, the RSS chief emphasised, "All languages in India are our national languages, and every citizen should know at least three languages."

"Even those who loudly say they are not Hindus, when they go abroad, the world sees them as either having originated from Hindus or terms them Hindu/Hindawi," Bhagwat maintained. Urging people not to abandon their rich religion and traditions, he said, "Don't quit your religion to fulfil your desires. Instead, abandon your ego and recognise your own self. If we carry forward the self of the country, all our own self-interests will be fulfilled."

He further stated that "Within the confines of our homes, and if possible worldwide, if not worldwide, then within our own homes, we should pride and preserve our language, attire, hymns, buildings, travel and food, all of which are ours, as per our tradition."

Amid growing controversy over languages in the country, the RSS chief noted, "All Indian languages are our national languages." He offered a three-language mantra for every citizen. "Every citizen should know at least three languages—the home language (mother tongue), the state language, and a national language," he said.

Centre to provide all help to Maha rain-hit farmers after damage report: Shah

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

UNION minister Amit Shah on Sunday assured financial help to rain-affected farmers in Maharashtra. The Centre has decided to extend help to the state farmers once the state government sends a detailed report of damage to it, he added.

Shah was in Maharashtra to inaugurate the country's first cooperative multi-feed Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant in Kopargaon, Ahilyanagar district. He said heavy rains have destroyed more than more than 60 lakh hectares of farmland and crops in the state.

The minister said that the state government has also initiated a scheme to provide ₹10,000 in cash and 35 kg of food grains to affected farmers. Besides, the recovery of short-term agricultural loans has been suspended, and exemptions were granted in land revenue and school examinations.

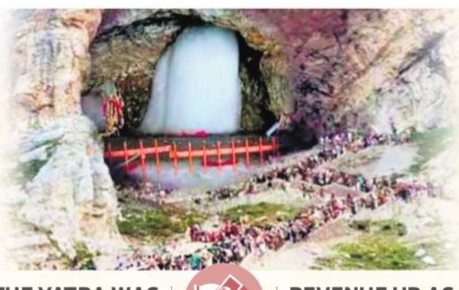
"Today, the cooperative sector is emerging as a strong pillar of the nation, which is a matter of pride for all of us. PM Modi has called upon all citizens to embrace the use of indigenous products. If 140 crore Indian citizens and all traders of the country resolve to neither use nor trade in foreign goods, the purchasing power of 140 crore citizens will provide an unprecedented boost to our economy. PM Modi has elevated the country's economy from the 11th position to the fourth position, and we are very close to becoming the world's third-largest economy," the union minister said.

Shah said that in the recent Cabinet meeting, an increase in the MSP was approved --₹300 per quintal for masoor, ₹250 per quintal for mustard, ₹225 per quintal for gram, ₹175 per quintal for barley, and ₹160 per quintal for wheat.

Amarnath donations jump 100-fold after Covid

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

YEAR-WISE DONATIONS	
2020–21	₹9.23 lakh
2021–22	₹12.29 lakh
2022–23	₹9.14 crore
2023–24	₹11.16 crore
2024–25	₹11.58 crore
2025–26	₹9.75 crore



TREND OF ONLINE DONATIONS	
2020–21	₹77.09 lakh
2021–22	₹1.46 crore
2022–23	₹2.39 crore
2023–24	₹1.55 crore
2024–25	₹1.89 crore
2025–26	₹80.64 lakh

DUE TO COVID-19 CURBS, THE YATRA WAS CANCELLED IN 2020 AND 2021

REVENUE UP AS GROUND SITUATION IN THE VALLEY HAS ALSO IMPROVED SINCE

THE donations to the Amarnath cave shrine in the South Kashmir Himalayas have witnessed a significant surge since the resumption of the annual pilgrimage post the Covid-19 pandemic, with the offerings having jumped about 100 per cent from a mere ₹9.23 lakh in 2020–21 to ₹9.75 crore in 2025–26.

According to data released by Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) in response to an RTI query by Jammu-based activist Raman Sharma, the shrine has been witnessing a consistent rise in donations from the devotees post the Covid-19 pandemic. As per the data, the Amarnath shrine received cash and donations of ₹9.75 crore in 2025-26. The highest donation of ₹11.58 crore was received in 2024–25, which was slightly higher than the ₹11.15 crore received in 2023–24.

The surge in donations is linked to the revival of large-scale pilgrimages following the pandemic, upgraded pilgrim facilities and the improved ground situation in the valley.

The data indicates a return to traditional cash offerings, while online donations, which had temporarily increased during the pandemic when the yatra was suspended, have declined significantly.

The online contributions by devotees were ₹77.09 lakh in 2020–21, and they rose to ₹1.46 crore in 2021–22 and peaked at ₹2.39 crore in 2022–23.

However, the online contributions dropped to ₹1.55 crore in 2023–24 and ₹1.89 crore in 2024–25 and declined further to ₹80.64 lakh in 2025–26. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Amarnath Yatra was cancelled in 2020 and 2021. After resumption of the yatra post pandemic, over three lakh yatris visited the cave shrine in 2022, 4.5 lakh in 2023, 5.1 lakh in 2024 and 4.1 lakh in 2025. As the ground situation in the valley has improved and militancy declined, the revenue from registration fees has also seen a significant increase.

The shrine board collected a meagre ₹0.12 lakh registration fee in 2020-21. However, the registration fee collection jumped to nearly ₹4 crore in 2022-23, ₹5.56 crore in 2023-24, ₹5.35 crore in 2024-25 and ₹7.71 crore in 2025-26. The rise in donations and registration fees reflects growing public confidence in undertaking the pilgrimage amid improved infrastructure and security in the valley.

Higher reaches of Himachal receive season's fresh snowfall; temp drops

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE higher reaches of Himachal Pradesh, including Rohtang Pass and Dhauladhar ranges, received the season's fresh snowfall on Sunday, plummeting the minimum temperature.

Soon after, the Kullu district administration suspended vehicular traffic to Rohtang Pass and advised commuters not to venture through this highway.

A fresh spell of mild snowfall on the Dhauladhar ranges and overnight rainfall in parts of Kangra and Chamba districts brought a dip in temperatures across several hill towns of the hill state ushering in early winter-like conditions.

As Dharamsala, McLeodganj, Kangra, Palampur, Dalhousie, Chamba and Bharmour witnessed a significant change in weather, with a sudden chill replacing the warm sunshine of the past few days.

Intermittent showers continued through the morning in several parts of the region, leading to the formation of dense fog that blanketed the upper reaches of the mountains. Strong icy winds swept the higher and mid hills of the state followed by severe thunderstorm, lightning and intermittent rains.

Reports of uprooting of trees due to storm and heavy downpour are pouring in from several parts of the state.

The weather office has issued an orange alert, warning of hail, heavy to very rain, thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds with speeds ranging from 40 to 50 kmph at isolated places in six districts of Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Sirmaur, and Lahaul and Spiti districts on October 6.

40 dead
as Indonesian rescuers recover bodies from school collapse

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	32	19	SNY
Colombo	29	25	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	33	25	TDS	Moscow	28	13	SNY
Dubai	44	28	SNY	New York	26	15	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	23	13	SNY
London	20	13	SNY	Washington	26	14	SNY

ISRAEL, HAMAS EDGE CLOSER TO GAZA CEASEFIRE

Talks to begin in Egypt on Monday under Trump's peace plan, raising hopes for hostage release

People gather waving Palestinian and Turkish flags during a pro-Palestinian rally in Istanbul, Turkey | AP

CAIRO

ISRAEL and Hamas prepared for indirect negotiations in Egypt on Monday, as hopes for a possible ceasefire in Gaza began to build after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said a hostage release could be announced this week. President Donald Trump has welcomed the militant group's statement accepting some elements of the US peace plan. Israel has said it supported the new US effort. Under the plan, Hamas would release the remaining 48 hostages — about 20 believed to be alive — within three days. It would give up power and disarm.

Monday's discussions will focus on the proposed exchange of hostages for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, Egypt's foreign ministry said. US envoy Steve Witkoff is joining the talks, according to an Egyptian official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorised to brief reporters.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the current situation is "the closest we've come to getting all of the hostages released." But he warned that "there are a lot of opportunities here for whoever wants to sabotage it to do so."

Speaking on ABC's "This Week," he described two phases after Hamas accepts Trump's framework: The hostages are released and Israel pulls back in Gaza to the "yellow line," where it was in August. Rubio told CBS that Hamas should release hostages as they are ready, and that bombardment needs to end so they can be released.

The US plan also addresses Gaza's future. In a text exchange with CNN's Jake Tapper, Trump said there would be "complete obliteration" if Hamas stayed in power there. Trump also texted that Netanyahu was on board for ending the bombing and peace in Gaza but added, "soon on the rest."

"I hope that we are closest to a hostage deal since the (ceasefire) deal in January," Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar said in a speech Sunday.

Anxious relatives of hostages gathered near Netanyahu's residence in Jerusalem, with some urging Trump to continue to apply pressure. Israel's recent military offensive in Gaza City led many to fear for the hostages' lives. "We cannot allow such a historic agreement to be sacrificed again," said Michel Ilouz, father of Guy Ilouz.

As hundreds of thousands of people marched across several European cities and elsewhere Sunday in support of Palestinians, the foreign ministers of eight Muslim-majority countries issued a joint statement welcoming steps toward a possible ceasefire. In backing Hamas' willingness to hand over the running of Gaza to a transitional committee, the ministers called for an "immediate launch of negotiations to agree on mechanisms to implement the proposal." *AP*

Europe, Turkey see massive pro-Palestinian, flotilla marches

MOSCOW

HUNDREDS of thousands of people across several European cities marched Sunday in support of Palestinians and an aid flotilla 's attempt to reach Gaza.

Istanbul held the largest of multiple demonstrations being staged in Turkey.

Footage showed crowds walking from the iconic Hagia Sophia to the banks of the Golden Horn, where they were greeted by dozens of boats decked in Turkish and Palestinian flags. The marchers called for Muslim solidarity with Palestinians following midday prayers in front of the former Byzantine cathedral, now converted to a mosque.

The protests were among others planned Sunday in European cities to mark the second anniversary of Hamas' October 7, 2023, attack on Israel that triggered the war in Gaza.

Israel's attacks have killed more than 67,000 Palestinians, according to the Gaza Health Ministry that is part of the Hamas-run government.

In the Turkish capital Ankara, protesters held up flags and placards condemning the "genocide" in Gaza. "This oppression, which began in 1948, has been continuing for two years, turning into genocide," Recep Karabal of the Palestine Support Platform told crowds in the northern city of Kirikkale. Support for Palestinians is widespread in Muslim-majority Turkey and President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is a leading critic of Israel's military operations in Gaza. *AP*

OVERNIGHT ATTACK

Russia hits Ukraine, five killed in Lviv and Zaporizhzhia

KYIV

RUSSIA launched drones, missiles and guided aerial bombs across Ukraine early on Sunday, killing five people in a major nighttime attack that Ukrainian officials said targeted civilian infrastructure. Moscow fired 53 ballistic and cruise missiles and 496 drones, Ukraine's air force said. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reported that nine regions were targeted. Four people, including a 15-year-old, died in a combined drone and missile strike on Lviv, according to regional officials and Ukraine's emergency service.

It was the largest aerial assault on the historic western city and surrounding region since Russia's full-scale invasion on Feb. 24, 2022, according to Maksym Kozytskyi, head of the local military administration.

Fire and smoke raises after a residential building was damaged during Russia's air strike in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, | AP

Earlier in the war, Lviv was seen as a haven from the fighting and destruction farther east. In a Telegram post, Kozytskyi said Russia launched about 140 Shahed drones and 23 ballistic missiles across the region. At least six more people were injured, according to a statement by Ukraine's police force.

The strike left two districts of Lviv without power and disrupted public transportation for a few hours early Sunday, Mayor Andriy Sadovyi reported. One person was also injured in the Ivano-Frankivsk region south of Lviv, according to regional head Svitlana Onyshchuk.

In the southern city of Zaporizhzhia, an aerial assault killed a civilian woman and wounded nine other people including a 16-year-old girl, regional head Ivan Fedorov reported. He said Russia attacked with drones and guided aerial bombs. Fedorov said the strike destroyed residential buildings and left about 73,000 households in Zaporizhzhia and surrounding areas without power.

Russia's Defense Ministry said the overnight strikes targeted Ukraine's "military-industrial complex" and energy facilities that supply it. *AP*

300 National Guard to deploy in Chicago

CHICAGO

PRESIDENT Donald Trump moved to deploy the National Guard in another city on Saturday by authorising 300 troops to protect federal officers and assets in Chicago, where the government said Border Patrol agents shot and injured a woman while firing at someone who tried to run them over.

White House spokesperson Abigail Jackson confirmed that the president authorised using the Illinois National Guard members, citing what she called "ongoing violent riots and lawlessness" that local leaders have not quelled. "President Trump will not turn a blind eye to the lawlessness plaguing American cities," Jackson said.

Democratic Gov JB Pritzker said the guard received notice from the Pentagon early in the day. He called the move unnecessary and "a manufactured performance — not a serious effort to protect public safety."

Meanwhile the Department of Homeland Security acknowledged the shooting of the woman on the southwest side of Chicago. It said Border Patrol agents "were rammed by vehicles and boxed in by 10 cars," and, "a suspect tried to run them over, forcing the officers to fire defensively." *AP*

Georgia PM threatens crackdown after opposition protests poll results

TBILISI

GEORGIA's Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze on Sunday accused the opposition of trying to topple his government and vowed a further crackdown on dissent, hours after the ruling party claimed a landslide win in local elections snubbed by its main rivals.

Tens of thousands marched in the Georgian capital Tbilisi on polling day against the government's repressive policies, and what they see as Georgia's steady drift into Moscow's orbit. Kobakhidze's Georgian Dream party late on Saturday claimed victory in every municipality across the South Caucasus country in local elections boycotted by the two main opposition blocs as a sham.

Protests and political unrest have rocked Georgia since Georgian Dream halted talks on joining the European Union last November, despite it being a cherished goal for many Georgians that has been enshrined in the country's constitution.

The move triggered waves of protests that have been met with mass arrests and police violence. It came after the longtime ruling party declared victory in a parliamentary election the opposition said was rigged. The rallies, big and small, have continued despite a multipronged crackdown by the government through laws that target demonstrators, rights groups, nongovernmental organisations and independent media. *AP*

A demonstrator with a Georgian national, EU and other flags walks in front of police line during an opposition rally in the city center of Tbilisi, Georgia | AP

EXPRESS READ

Gunfight in Alabama leaves 2 dead, 12 injured

MONTGOMERY: Rival gunmen opened fire in downtown Montgomery Saturday night, killing two people, including a woman, and injuring 12 others. Three victims, including a juvenile, are in critical condition. Police said the shooters ignored bystanders and showed no regard for human life. Authorities are reviewing surveillance footage and interviewing witnesses; no arrests have yet been made.

Somalia forces end prison siege, kill 7 militants

MOGADISHU: Somali government forces ended a six-hour siege at a Mogadishu prison Saturday, killing all seven attackers. No civilians, officers, or prisoners were harmed. Al-Shabab claimed responsibility. Militants used a vehicle disguised as an intelligence unit car. The attack came hours after the government lifted long-standing roadblocks in the capital, meant to protect key sites but criticised for disrupting traffic.

Syria holds 1st parliamentary elections since Assad's ouster

DAMASCUS

SYRIA on Sunday held its first parliamentary elections, nearly a year after a rebel-led offensive unseated longtime autocratic leader Bashar Assad. The People's Assembly will be tasked with passing a new elections law and constitution as the country moves through its post-Assad political transition after more than a decade of civil war. Across the country, security forces were deployed around polling stations.

Inside, electoral college members entered polling booths to fill out their ballot papers with lists of names that were then placed in a sealed box until they were pulled out and counted in front of candidates, journalists and observers from the Syrian bar association. There was no direct popular vote in this election. Two-thirds of the 210-member assembly seats will be elected through province-based electoral colleges, with seats distributed by population, while one-third will be appointed directly by interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa. The new parliament will serve a 30-month term while preparing for future elections. In theory, 7,000 electoral college members across 60 districts are eligible to vote for 140 seats, but elections were postponed indefinitely in Sweida province and in areas controlled by the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces due to tensions between the local authorities and Damascus. *AP*

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE. J.M.F.C., AT DEVANAHALLI
CRL. Misc. No. 446/2025

Between :- Smt. Munirathnamma ...Petitioner
And :- The Tahsildar. Yelahanka Taluk ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client Munirathnamma W/o Late Muniraju, Aged about 48 years, R/at :- Mahadevakodigehalli Village, Bandikodigehalli Post, Jala Hobli. Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District have filed the above petition for the death certificate of my client's husband namely Late Muniraju S/o Late Doddanna who died on 19.09.2022 at Mahadevakodigehalli Village, Bandikodigehalli Post, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing on **12/11/2025 at 11.00 AM.** in Crl.Mis No. 446/2025

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli

Address for Service:- Sri. P. Marappa Advocate
Office at:- No.14/4, 13th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru -560002

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of Secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Ashwath Madhe Gowda **(Prospect No 791821)**	**23-Sep-2025, Rs.1971610/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Seventy One Thousand Six Hundred Ten Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Flat No.D512, Tower D, East Wing, Emprasa Startup City, Kambalipura Village, Sulebeli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka-562114 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Carpet_Area, Super_Built_Up_Area Property Area: 269.00, 520.00, 692.00 Bounded By North:As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report. SouthAs Per The Title Documents And Technical Report. EastAs Per The Title Documents And Technical Report. WestAs Per The Title Documents And Technical Report.
Mr. Ashwath Madhe Gowda **(Prospect No 805639)**	**23-Sep-2025, Rs.208238/-** (Rupees Two Lakh Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Eight Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Flat No.D512, Tower D, East Wing, Emprasa Startup City, Kambalipura Village, Sulebeli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka- 562114 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Carpet_Area, Super_Built_Up_Area Property Area: 269.00, 520.00, 692.00 Bounded By North:As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report SouthAs Per The Title Documents And Technical Report EastAs Per The Title Documents And Technical Report WestAs Per The Title Documents And Technical Report
Mrs. Sundramma Mr. Darshan N Mr. Darshan N Mr. Raman Kumar N **(Prospect No 966337)**	**23-Sep-2025, Rs.1539353.72/-** (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Three Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Site No.140, PID No.26-4-140 situated at 1st Main Road, Swathantrapalya Srirampuram, Ward No.26, Srirampura, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560021 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Carpet_Area, Built_Up_Area Property Area: 312.00, 437.00, 546.00 Bounded By North:Site No. 141 SouthConservancy EastRoad WestProperty Of Nagaraju
Mr. Venkateshwarlu Obaiaha Kallu Nithya Electronics (through Its Proprietor/ managing Director/authorized Signatory) Mrs. Leelavathi Narasaiah Darla **(Prospect No IL10367383)**	**23-Sep-2025, Rs.958640/-** (Rupees Nine Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Site no.27A, Old Eastern Portion of Site no.27, House List no.200/4, Katha no.171/7, PID No.68-199-28, situated at 8th A Cross, Ejipura Village, Begur Hobili, Bangalore South taluk, Karnataka-560047 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area, Carpet Area Property Area: 396.00, 740.00, 555.00 Bounded By North:Passage & Road SouthPwd Property EastProperty Of Thirupamma WestWestern Portion Of Site No.27
Mr. Roopkumar Nanjundasastry Ananthapadmanabhan Mr. Nanjundasastry Anantha Padmanabhan Mrs. Sanjeevaraya Shilpa Mrs. Subrahmanyam Neralagiri Venkata Saralakumari **(Prospect No IL10685286)**	**22-Sep-2025, Rs.2469929.66/-** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Nine Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Flat No. Gf-3, Ground Floor, In Southern Portion Of Site No. 287 & Entire Site No. 288, Khata No. 15/2, & Site No. 38a, Khata No. 17/1, Situated At Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hoobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560061 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Built_Up_Area, Carpet_Area Property Area: 1080.00, 810.00 Bounded By North: Northern Portion Of Site No. 287 & Site No. 39A & 39B South Private Property East Road West Property Of Shamanna

If the said Borrower fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office :** 1st floor Y V S reddy Building Anekal road,Chandapura,Bangalore-560099 Or **Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place : Bangalore ; Date : 06.10.2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT PRINCIPAL BENCH AT BENGALURU.
(AUCTION SALE NOTICE)

AUCTION/SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES BY INVITING PUBLIC AUCTION UNDER ORDER DATED 12-08-2025 IN WP.22247/2025 OF THE HONORABLE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, PRINCIPAL BENCH AT BENGALURU.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to TRUSTEES/PETITIONER-1 and obligant/s of SHUSHRUTI EDUCATION TRUST in WP.22247/2025 that the below described immovable property purchased in its name will be sold by auction sale of properties mentioned below at the date and time, and on the terms & conditions stated below.

Last Date, Time and Place for receipt of EMD: 20-10-2025 till 4.00pm at Office of The Court Commissioner, Appointed in WP.22247/2025 by The Honorable High Court of Karnataka, #14/6, 3rd floor, Sanjaynagar Main Road, Bengaluru 560094.

Date & Time of Opening Auction Bids: 21-10-2025 at 2:00pm.

Terms & conditions for Public Auction Sale:

1. Intending bidders are advised to submit their bids in sealed cover within the stipulated time. The reserve price is Rs. 85,00,00,000/-. Incremental bids over and above the reserve price should be at a minimum of Rs.50,00,000/- and its multiples thereafter.
2. The Sale will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS & WHATEVER THERE IS"** basis.
3. Bids once made/submitted shall not be cancelled or withdrawn.
4. All bidders shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of sale and be bound by them.
5. To participate in the Auction, intending bidders have to deposit **3%** (Three) of the reserve price as mentioned above as refundable EMD in the form of Demand Draft of a Scheduled Bank favoring **SHUSHRUTHI EDUCATION TRUST (A/c No: 44512049131 IFSC :SBIN0003182) Bengaluru** to reach the Court Commissioner's office well in advance during working days prior to the Auction Sale i.e before the time and date specified above. EMD will not carry any interest.
6. Bidders not submitting EMD will not be allowed to participate in the Auction Sale and such bids stands rejected on the face of it.
7. The successful bidders who has quoted the highest bid , his EMD DD will be deposited in the Bank account in the name of the Petitioner 1 operated by the Court Commissioner for its encashment and this will not be refundable once bids are opened and highest bidders quote was approved.
8. Unsuccessful bidders EMD DD will be returned after 7(Seven) days of Court approval of the highest bidder.
9. To the best of knowledge and information of the Court Commissioner, there are no encumbrance on the properties. However, intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims/rights/dues/effecting the property, prior to submitting the bid.
10. This advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment of any representation of the Court Commissioner. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Court Commissioner. The Court Commissioner shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues.
11. The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price set by The Court Commissioner, if any bids are lower it stands rejected on the face of it.
12. The successful bidder by RTGS must transfer the entire bid amount within 15(Fifteen) days of acceptance The Honorable High Court of Karnataka ,Bengaluru to SBI **A/c No: 44512049131 IFSC :SBIN0003182) Bengaluru, Cauvery Branch**. If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payment or fails to adhere to the terms of Sale in any manner, the EMD amount already deposited will be forfeited and he / she shall not have any claim on such forfeited amount or to the property, which shall be sold subsequently.
13. On receipt of sale offers received by the Court Commissioner and if the EMD terms of the payment have been complied with, the Court Commissioner exercising the Power of Sale will place it before the High Court and after acceptance by the Hon'ble High Court it shall execute the Sale Deed of immovable property in favour of the purchaser whose bid is the highest after entire amount is credited to the Bank as above. No substitution of name other than those mentioned in the bid will be entertained for the Sale Deed.
14. Sale Deed will be registered in the name of successful bidder only who should produce copy of PAN card / ID proof before issue of Sale Certificate.
15. The EMD of the unsuccessful bidder shall be returned within 7 days after the approval of the highest bidder without interest.
16. All other charges, expenses like conveyance, electricity, WSSB, legal, stamp duty, registration fee, arrears of tax charged, TDS and other pending/future taxes etc, if any, shall be borne by the purchaser/bidder.
17. The property / properties under auction is / are free of all encumbrances. Encumbrances if any created without the notice of the Court Commissioner by the borrower, will be the sole lookout of the successful bidder.
18. The Court Commissioner shall not be responsible for misstatement for omission in this proclamation.
19. At any stage of the Auction, the Court Commissioner shall have the power to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof including addition or deletion of other terms and conditions.
20. For inspection of the properties and other particulars, the intending bidders are at liberty to make their own inspection/ assessment/enquiries about the property during week days during working hours only.

AUCTION SALE PROPERTIES

Item No.1: Sale Deed dated 29.04.2002 in respect of Site bearing No.6, Katha No.55, Assessment No.63/1, registered as Document No.1890/2002-03, measuring 30 x 40 = 1,200 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.2: Sale Deed dated 29.04.2002 in respect of Site bearing No.5, Katha No.55, Assessment No.63/1, registered as Document No.1893/2002-03, measuring 30 x 40 = 1,200 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.3: Sale Deed dated 29.04.2002 in respect of Site bearing No.1/2, Katha No.55, Assessment No.63/1, registered as Document No.1899/2002-03, measuring 36.6 x 90 = 3,295 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.4: Sale Deed dated 27.05.2002 in respect of Site bearing No.21/22, Katha No.63/2 and 68, registered as Document No.3841/ 2002-03, measuring 60 x 40 = 2,400 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District. (Mortgaged).

Item No.5: Sale Deed dated 10.12.2001 in respect of Sites bearing No.23, 24 and 25, Katha No.63/2 and 68, registered as Document No.13642/2001-02, measuring 40 x 90 = 3,600 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.6: Sale Deed dated 03.02.2006 in respect of Site No.17, Assessment bearing No.63/2 and 68, Now, Dasarahalli City Municipal Council Katha No.540, C.M.C Ward No.35, registered as Document No.22854/2005-06, measuring 36 x 15 and measuring 15 x 24 = 900 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore.

Item No.7: Sale Deed dated 28.03.2007 in respect of Schedule Property No.63/2 and 68, C.M.C Limit, Katha No.1210, registered as Document No.69590/2006-07, measuring 100 x 45, 20 x 40 = 5,300 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.8: Sale Deed dated 09.12.2002 in respect of Site bearing House List bearing No.40, Katha No.717/747, Assessment No.63/2 and 70/2, registered as Document No.24869/2002-03, measuring 30 x 40 = 1,200 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.9: Sale Deed dated 03.02.2003 in respect of Site bearing House List bearing No.45 and 46, Katha No.717/747 and Assessment No.63/2 and 70/2, registered as Document No.24863/ 2002-03, measuring 40 x 65 = 2,600 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.10: Sale Deed dated 09.12.2002 in respect of Site bearing House List bearing No.41, 42 and 43, Katha No.717/747, Assessment No.63/2 and 70/2, registered as Document No.24866/2002-03, measuring 65'-(30x40) feet, situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.11: Sale Deed dated 30.03.2007 in respect of property bearing Assessment No.63/2 and 68, Dasanahalli, C.M.C Limit, Ward No.35, Katha No.1285, registered as Document No.26/2007-08, measuring 25 x 150 = 3,750 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.12: Sale Deed dated 30.03.2007 in respect of property bearing Assessment No.63/2 and 70/2, Dasanahalli, C.M.C Limit, Ward No.35, Katha No.374, registered as Document No.24/2007-08, measuring 25 x 60 = 1,500 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.13: Sale Deed dated 30.01.2004 in respect of property Katha No.55, Assessment No.63/1, registered as Document No.42158/2003-04, measuring 190+170 x 35 = 6,300 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.14: Sale Deed dated 30.01.2004 in respect of property Katha No.45, Assessment No.63/1, registered as Document No.42162/2003-04, measuring 250+220 x 35+45 = 9,400 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.15: Sale Deed dated 24.03.2007 in respect of schedule Property No.63/1, C.M.C Limit Katha No.1229, Khata No.1299 registered as Document No.68855/2006-07, measuring 35 x 190 = 6650 Sq.ft., measuring 30 x 150 = 4,500 Sq.ft., measuring 30 x 90 = 2,700 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.16: Sale Deed dated 26.04.2005 in respect of property bearing Site No. 9 and 10, Katha No.55, property Assessment No.63 and 68, registered as Document No.4523/2005-06, measuring 30 x 80 = 2,400 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.17: Sale Deed dated 30.03.2007 in respect of **property bearing Assessment No.**63/2 and 70/2, Dasanahalli, C.M.C Limit, Ward No.35, Katha No.562, registered as Document No.25/2007-08, measuring 25 x 90 = 2,250 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.18: Sale Deed dated 03.02.2003 in respect of Site bearing House List No.35, Katha No.318:847 and Assessment No.63/2 and 68, registered as Document No.24872/2002-03, measuring 115+135 x 60+63 feet, situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.19: Sale Deed dated 03.02.2003 in respect of Site bearing House List bearing No.44, Katha No.717/747 and Assessment No.63/2 and 70/2, registered as Document No.24860/2002-03, measuring 30 x 40 = 1,200 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.20: Gift Deed dated 30.11.2018 in respect of Site bearing No.16, Assessment No.63/2 and 68, registered as Document No.6687/2018-19, measuring 30 x 36/40 = 1,140 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.21: Sale Deed dated 13.04.2005 in respect of Site bearing No.17, Assessment No.63/2, Katha No.570, registered as Document No.2003/2005-06, measuring 15 x 36 = 540 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.22: Sale Deed dated 29.04.2022 in respect of Site bearing No.7/8, Katha No.55, Assessment No.63/1, registered as Document No.1887/2002-03, measuring 36.6 x 90 = 3,285 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.23: Sale Deed dated 29.04.2022 in respect of Site bearing No.3/4, Katha No.55, Assessment No.63/1, registered as Document No.1896/2002-03, measuring 60 x 40 = 2,400 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.24: Sale Deed dated 13.05.2002 in respect of Site bearing No.12/13, Katha No.63/2 and 68, House List No.27, registered as Document No.2824/2002-03, measuring 60 x 40 = 2,400 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.

Item No.25: Sale Deed dated 23.10.2002 in respect of Site No.1, Katha No.63/2 and 68, registered as Document No.14985/2002-03, measuring 20 x 40 = 800 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District and Sale Deed dated 09.03.2005 in respect of Site bearing No.16, Assessment No.68 and 63/2, Katha No.68, measuring 36 x 40 = 1,140 Sq.ft.

Item No.26: Sale Deed dated 09.03.2005 in respect of Site bearing No.16, Assessment No.68 and 63/2, Katha No.68, measuring 36 x 40 = 1,140 Sq.ft. document nbr.56160/04-05.

Item No.27: Sale Deed dated 10.06.2003 in respect of property bearing No.21, Katha No.622, Khanashumari No.212/461, measuring East to West (75+68)/2 feet, and North to South 40 feet, situated at HegganahalliVillage, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, registered as Document No.8499/2003-04 .

Item No.28: Sale Deed dated 03.02.2006 in respect of Western portion of property bearing Site No.33, Assessment bearing No.63/2 & 68, Now Dasarahalli CMC Katha No.541, CMC Ward No.35, measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 40 feet and adjoining Northern side property measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 25 feet, totally 975 Sq.ft., **and** in respect of property bearing Site No.47, Assesement bearing No.63/2 & 68, Now Dasarahalli CMC Katha No.541, CMC Ward No.35, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft., both are situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, registered as Document No.22881/2005-06.

Item No.29: Relinquishment Deed dated 16-03-2019, in respect of property bearing Assessment No.63/2 & 68, measuring East to West 60 feet, and North to South 85 feet, totally measuring 5100 Sq.ft., and in respect of property bearing Assessment No.63/2 & 68, measuring East to West 65 feet, and North to South 45 feet, totally measuring 2925 Sq.ft., now coming under the BBMP Ward No.35, situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, registered as Document No.9092/2018-19.

Item No.30: Sale Deed dated 27.08.2010 in respect of property bearing No.133-A, Assessment No.25 & 26, Katha No.25/26, measuring East to West (35+7)/2 feet, and North to South (48+40)/2 feet, situated at Andrahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, registered as Document No.3231/2010-11.

Item No.31: Sale Deed dated 22.01.2010 in respect of property bearing No.11(Southern Portion), Assessment No.63/2, Katha No.242, measuring east to west 60 feet and north to south 15 feet, situated at Dasarahalli Nagarasabhe, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bangalore north taluk, Document nbr. 4282/2009-10.

Item No.32: Relinquishment Deed dated 30.11.2018 in respect of property with House List No.139, Katha No.68 & 63/2, measuring East to West 30 feet, and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft., situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, registered as Document No.6677/2018-19 .

All these scheduled properties are situated in one place within common boundaries comprising all educational institutions therein run under the trusts.

Bengaluru
06/10/2025

The Court Commissioner
Appointed by the Honorable High Court of Karnataka, at the Principal Bench at Bengaluru.

₹30,000 CR will be raised by seven companies this week starting October 6 through initial public offerings (IPOs), according to exchange data

Cheapest way to borrow this festive season

Loans against gold, MFs, equities or fixed deposits are secured and cost-effective choice for short-term debt

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

AS festive spending is around us, and many of us need extra cash to splurge. The recent reduction in GST rates has made this a little easier.

So, what are the best ways to borrow short-term funds? Should you seek a personal loan from a non-banking financial company (NBFC) since banks often have longer processes or simply swipe your credit card? Perhaps you could visit a bank or gold-loan company in your neighbourhood and pawn your gold jewellery. Other options include redeeming your mutual fund units or borrowing against them, as well as taking a loan against your stocks or even a fixed deposit.

Since personal loans and credit cards are unsecured debts, they come with a higher cost. A personal loan from a bank can carry an interest rate of 10-16%, while from an NBFC it can range from 12-36%. Credit card purchases can be even more expensive, with monthly interest charges of 3.75-3.95%, which annualises to 45-47.5%. However, using a credit card is the easiest and fastest way to pay for a purchase.

This leads us to the other four options: pledging your assets, be it gold, MFs, equities, or fixed deposits. If you own these assets and are comfortable using them as collateral, these secured loans are the most cost-effective choice for short-term debt. They typically offer a higher borrowing capacity. Before you decide to pledge assets ensure you have a secure and timely cash flow to service the debt.

Loans against these asset classes are generally priced between 8% and 15% per annum.

For example, average pricing for a gold loan is about 0.8% a month for three months, while a 12-month loan can cost 12-15% a year. If you own land, you may be able to borrow from nationalised banks at rates as low as 4% per annum, subject to certain caps.

Similarly, you can pledge MF units to raise cash at 8-15%. For equities, this is known as margin funding. You log in to demat account, pledge the shares you own (not those already bought on margin), and the money will be in your linked bank account by the end of the day. If you have a FD, you can take a loan against it or request an overdraft facility.

So, if you are short on cash this festive season, a loan can be an option to meet your needs. The first rule remains: avoid overspending. If you have clear visibility of cash flow for the next a few months and have decided to borrow, always opt for the cheapest loan available. For festival-related expenses, these secured loan options are highly advisable.

Recent RBI data points to this shift in borrowing patterns. Gold loan outstanding rose to ₹2.94 lakh crore in July, a massive 122% YoY rise. In comparison, credit-card spends rose 6% to ₹2.91 lakh crore, and personal loans grew 8% to ₹15.36 lakh crore. While there are no industry-wide data for loans against MFs or equities, margin trading funding (MTF) outstanding crossed ₹1.05 lakh crore last month. It's important to note that most MTF is for margin trading and not strictly loans against shares held in a pledged account.

That said, pledging your stocks and MFs carry risks. Your asset management company (AMC) or brokerage can issue mark-to-market margin calls, requiring you to top up 40-70% of the asset's value if the NAV of your MF or the value of your shares falls. If you fail to meet this margin call, they can redeem your units or sell your shares.

MONEY-WISE

WHY WOMEN NEED TO LEARN FINANCES

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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OTHER than creating documents in pink colour, there is not much that the BFSI sector has done much for women! Women should take interest in finance – and make sure that all family members have the basic living skills. Cooking, handling basic finance skills are a part of this.

Women participation in understanding and implementing personal finance at home is key for empowerment, family stability, and long-term security. It fosters independence, better decisionmaking, and resilience against uncertainties. Below, I'll outline key reasons why women should learn basic finance.

● Financial independence
Women often face unique challenges such as longer life expectancies (outliving men by 5-7 years on average), shorter career tenures due to caregiving roles, lower average earnings, and reduced access to pensions or survivors' benefits.Actively engaging in household finances prepares women to manage independently, especially in cases of divorce, widowhood, or sudden loss of a partner—situations where unmarried women near retirement have been found to have much lower wealth levels. This involvement builds confidence and eases transition to handling family well-being solo.

● Household risk management, decision-making
Women's cautious, risk-averse nature often brings balance to financial choices, countering aggressive tendencies and leading to better outcomes in investments and big purchases. Studies show financially literate women play more dominant roles in household decisions, resulting in smoother consumption during economic shocks and improved funding for family. For instance, their detail-oriented approach excels in budgeting, expense tracking, and emergency savings, which are top priorities for many women.

● Long-term wealth creation
Women tend to have a forward-thinking mindset, focusing on cause-and-effect scenarios like saving for children's futures or rainy days, which supports sustainable wealth accumulation. They are often better at long-term planning, starting investments early for retirement and uncertainties, and their conservative investment style—rooted in thorough research and self-control—yields strong returns. With women controlling over $10 trillion in US household assets, active participation ensures they leverage this growing influence effectively.

● Family well-being
By sharing responsibilities, women contribute to collaborative financial planning, which 60% already do, leading to higher confidence (62% of non-retired women feel positive about retirement) and emotional readiness for life goals like travel or leisure. Their multitasking and process-driven skills bring discipline to financial plans, enhancing success rates and family stability. This role not only reduces expenses—the foundation of wealth building—but also addresses gender gap in financial literacy, where women historically specialise less in finance, putting them at higher risk of problems.

MONEY MATTERS

WHY INVESTOR EDUCATION STRUGGLES IN INDIA

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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THE money invested in investor education programmes has created some awareness. One can merely be happy about the 'somewhat' progress. However, you should be concerned about how the money is spent. A comprehensive investor survey released by the Securities and Exchange Board of India, the stock market regulator, shows key barriers to investing in securities market products are complexity and information gaps. Concerns about risk and return are common among even those surveyed who intend to invest.

If you assume the ₹72 lakh crore worth of mutual fund assets under management, the Sebi regulations mandate setting aside about 0.02%. That pegs the size of the investor education pool at ₹1,440 crore each year. That is just from mutual funds. The National Stock Exchange manages other investor protection funds, the Bombay Stock Exchange, and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs through the administration of unclaimed benefits.

Mutual funds are at the forefront of their campaigns through the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), an industry body. Similarly, insurance companies are doing their bit separately. Investors continue to cite limited knowledge, accessibility, and low trust in financial institutions as their primary concerns. The fear of market losses continues to bother those surveyed.

Risks in investing

According to the survey findings, people with high risk tolerance comprise only 5% of the population. The word 'risk' appears 45 times in the survey, while the word 'return' figures 25 times. That shows the state of mind of the people when it comes to financial services products for investing. About 80% of households focus on preserving capital (the amount invested) more than generating returns. They highlight the need to achieve good, stable, and reliable returns with minimal losses.

That also probably explains the poor penetration of financial services products. The all-India household penetration of securities market products is less than 10% nationwide. These include mutual funds, ETFs, equity shares, alternative investment funds, corporate bonds, ReITs and InvITs. Approximately 6.7% of the population invests in mutual funds, while 5.3% invests in equities.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

The concept of risk is primarily associated with your confidence in your future income. If you are sure about your income, you will allocate more money to equity or equity-linked assets. You will look to diversify your assets into a mix of risky and moderately risky asset classes. A primary reason Indians refrain from taking risks is a lack of awareness. However, the second biggest concern is the fear of future losses. There are also concerns about future income.

The boost in mutual fund assets is also due to a steady flow of pension and provident fund money. There is a substantial increase in the monthly flows through systematic investment plans. That is perhaps helping stem a severe fall in the Indian equity markets. However, you can imagine how much money can flow if twice the number of people start investing through mutual funds. If the retail market is deep, it creates a very vibrant environment for businesses.

The government needs to focus on issues that matter to people more than just creating awareness. The perception of risk needs to be explained not just in English but also in regional languages. There is a need to refine the messaging in a language that people can understand. Knowledge about the risk-return relationship should be introduced at an early stage in school. It should also continue through college. There is a need to thoroughly review the investor awareness programmes and the way they are conducted. There must be a performance metric devised to determine the success of every event held on the ground. An integrated approach towards investor education among regulators could be a way forward.

IN CONVERSATION

WASANTHA SAMARASINGHE
Minister of Trade, Sri Lanka

'Sri Lanka would like to see more Indian investments in future'

INDIA is Sri Lanka's largest trading partner and was one of the first countries with which Sri Lanka signed a free trade agreement (FTA). Recently, the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) hosted an interactive business session with a high-level Sri Lankan delegation, led by **Wasantha Samarasinghe**, Minister of Trade. In an interview with **Pushpita Dey**, Samarasinghe discussed Sri Lanka's desire to welcome more Indian investors. Edited **excerpts**:

India is Sri Lanka's largest trading partner. How do you foresee the balance of trade between the two countries in the coming years?
India is our most important trading partner. While we import many consumer goods from India, the country has also provided significant support to Sri Lanka during difficult times. We are working to address the trade imbalance by utilising provisions in our existing trade agreement to increase Sri Lankan exports to India. We have plans to enhance our export facilities and are focusing on boosting shipments of garments, textiles, tea, and other products to the Indian market.

Given the rise of regional trade agreements like RCEP, which Sri Lanka is seeking to join, how do you plan to balance your trade strategy between India, China, and other Asian partners?
We have several existing trade agreements with regional countries. However, many were signed years ago, and the global landscape has changed dramatically. We need to revisit and modernise these agreements—both regional and bilateral—with partners like China, India, and Bangladesh. We have already signed agreements with Thailand and Singapore and are receiving interest from others. When we sign a new agreement, it must be a win-win situation for both sides, which requires careful consideration and negotiation.

If certain markets become difficult due to tariffs, we will seek new ones. So, while geopolitics presents difficulties, it also opens up opportunities

Indian investment in Sri Lanka has been rising, especially in hospitality and tourism. How is your ministry working to attract more Indian investors?
Indeed. We have opened our hospitality sector to investors from around the world, including India. This sector is primarily private-driven. The government's role is to facilitate, not control or restrict. We provide the regulatory framework and facilitation for anyone wishing to invest. We believe there is a significant opportunity in Sri Lanka's hospitality sector, and we would certainly like to see more Indian investors participating in it in the near future.

How do current geopolitical shifts—such as supply chain diversification and global trade tensions—impact Sri Lanka's trade relations with India and other countries?
The current geopolitical situation creates challenges such as reciprocal tariffs imposed by the US and other nations. This requires us to balance our approach and work collaboratively with partner countries. While these tariffs can limit benefits, we must adapt. If certain markets become difficult due to tariffs, we will seek new ones. So, while geopolitics presents difficulties, it also opens up opportunities. Our plan is to find these new opportunities and markets.

The Adani Group withdrew from a 484 MW wind project after the Colombo government allegedly moved to renegotiate the terms. Can we expect Adani or other Indian conglomerates to restart the project?
Of course. For that specific wind power project, the bid price from the Adani Group was considerably higher than the market rate. The unit price they offered was 8 cents, whereas comparable projects in India are around 3 cents. To provide context, Sri Lankan investors were bidding at around 4.6 cents for projects in India. We conveyed our concerns about this price disparity. The Adani Group is welcome to reconsider and revise their price.

Equity markets show signs of recovery

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market is showing signs of a pullback after facing a selling spree for eight straight sessions. Following the outcome of the latest RBI's monetary policy committee (MPC) meeting and dovish tone of its members, the market broke its losing streak with the benchmark indices - BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty - gaining about 1% each during the week. The Nifty settled the Friday session at 24,894.25 and the Sensex at 81,207.17.

"The RBI's policy decision was the central highlight of the week," said Ajit Mishra – SVP, Research, Religare Broking. The MPC kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.5% for the second consecutive meeting, while revising the FY26 GDP growth projection upward to 6.8% and lowering its inflation forecast.

RBI policy stance, GST revenue offer domestic comfort

RBI's policy stance and strong GST revenues offer domestic comfort, though volatility may persist due to FII outflows and global headwinds. Investors should track Q2 earnings from IT and banking heavyweights, for cues on sectoral leadership, said Ajit Mishra of Religare Broking

On the positive side, GST collections rose 9.1% year-on-year to ₹1.89 lakh crore in September, highlighting resilient consumption trends.

"Market enters new week with cautious optimism. The RBI's supportive policy stance and strong GST collections offer domestic comfort, though volatility could persist due to FII outflows and global headwinds. Investors should track Q2 earnings, mainly from IT and banking heavyweights, for cues on sectoral leadership. A buy-on-dips strategy remains advisable, with a preference for domestic cyclicals like metals, autos, financials, and themes like defense, while selectively adding from other sectors," said Mishra. The rebound was broad-based, with all major sectors ending in positive territory. Metals led the rally, climbing nearly 4% on firm global cues, followed by banking and financials, which advanced between 1.6% and 2.2%. Primary market activity is set to remain strong this week, with large IPOs from Tata Capital and LG Electronics lined up.

Sudeep Shah, head- technical and derivatives research at SBI Securities, said the recovery in the last two trading sessions added to the optimism, hinting at a possible continuation of the pullback rally.

Aarthi Scans and Labs to expand biz in Mum, Lucknow; to start new vertical

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

AS Chennai-based Aarthi Scans and Labs, a radiology and pathology diagnostic services provider, plans to invest over ₹300 crore to expand its business geographically and vertically, its directors say they are aiming to expand its base in Tier 1 cities every year and also start a new vertical - Vital Insights, diagnostic centres for fitness and longevity of the body.

Dr G ArunKumar, chief radiologist, director and son of Aarthi Scans founder V Govindrajan, says: "By the year-end, we are planning to open our centre in Lucknow and our new vertical Vital Insights is under research stage in Vadapalani. The Vital Insights clinic will check strength of muscle, body mass, etc. We want to provide services to the common man that an Olympic athlete gets at a cheaper cost. A lot of research and new methods are evolving. The investment in the new verticals will be ₹10-20 crore over the period of two years. Rest of the amount will be for our geographical expansion."

In hospitals, they charge ₹15,000 for MRI scan, private diagnostic centres charge ₹7,000, but we charge between ₹3,000 and ₹4,000

Dr Arun Kumar, Aarthi Scans and Labs

Talking about the expansion in Mumbai and Lucknow, Dr Arun Kumar says, "Our business model is direct to a customer. Our prices are low. In hospitals, they charge about ₹15,000 for an MRI scan, private diagnostic centres charge ₹7,000, but we charge somewhere between ₹3,000 and ₹4,000. Lucknow and Mumbai are one of the most populated cities. This business model works mainly in Tier 1 cities, so it is a logical step to go to cities like Mumbai and Lucknow." He added these cities can have 8-10 clinics. Aarthi Scans target upper and lower middle class customers as their business model is to provide affordable medical services.

Russell wins Singapore GP, constructors' title for Mclaren

George Russell won the Singapore GP in dominant style as McLaren secured the Formula 1 constructors' championship with six races to go. Russell stayed in control from pole position to take his and Mercedes' second win of the year ahead of Red Bull's Max Verstappen, who held off Lando Norris for 2nd place despite struggling with car problems.

BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF WI CRICKET

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Ahmedabad

A DAY out from the opening Test between India and West Indies, Cricket West Indies (CWI) held a long press conference about the state of the game in the Caribbean. The press meet, held in Antigua, was to announce reforms 'coming out of the emergency cricket strategy committee' conducted by the board in August following the 3-0 loss to Australia in the home Tests.

One of the challenges faced by the committee pertained to the 'limited revenue share and financial constraints' granted to West Indies cricket under the existing agreement drawn out by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Yep, it's that old chestnut again. One can never really be sure if West Indies' myriad cricketing problems — both on and off the field — will be solved if they get more funding but what's sure is that it will give them a fighting chance of resolving some of the issues.

When Roston Chase was asked that question in the post match press conference following the first Test in Ahmedabad, he became intimate with the financial struggles in that part of the world.

"I think the systems in the Caribbean are a bit poor in terms of training facilities and stuff," the captain said. "I am not using that as an excuse or something to hide behind for poor performances that we've been putting out lately. I still think that the onus is on the players to find some way to churn up runs and wickets and stuff."

West Indies lost the first Test against India by an innings & 140 runs inside three days | AP

Some of the raw numbers behind their recent below-par run raises serious questions about their aspirations. They have beaten Australia and Pakistan in the longest format of the game since the beginning of 2024 but it only papers over the cracks.

"What I would say is, yes, there is obviously a struggle in the Caribbean for finances. So whatever help we can get, if they are planning to get the help, I hope that we do get it so that we could strengthen the infrastructure for cricket."

They will be grateful if the ICC — or the Big Three — set up a central Test fund to help the so-called lesser nations address financial issues when playing the game's longest format. Internally, CWI has tried to come up with a novel initiative to address the financial disparities between them and the other nations. While the official press release was quiet on this, informally at least there have been suggestions that Brian Lara has said he's open to the idea of engaging the cricketing community in India to encourage investment in the legacy of WI cricket.

They need investment across multiple layers. Here's Chase. "Yeah, that is some of the infrastructure problems that we do have," he said. "The pitches in the Caribbean are not really batsman-friendly. So guys don't really bat for long periods and score those big scores. And then, too, the outfields in the Caribbean are really slow. When you hit the ball in the gaps, you probably end up struggling to get two. Those are just some of the problems that we are faced with in the Caribbean.

"That's why you see guys averaging so low. If you look at the past series we had against Australia, I think that was the first time I've ever played an international series where a batsman never scored a hundred in three matches. Obviously, we had a poor batting display. This has been something that has been plaguing us for the past two series."

It's kind of the reason why the batters average in the high 20s or the low 30s, even the ones deemed worthy of the maroon cap. The all-rounder, however, did say they could have batted across both innings of the first Test. "We gifted some of the wickets too easily," he said. "For me, it was a bit of rough and some balls were spinning up the rough. But there weren't any devils on the wicket. I still thought that it was a wicket that you could stand up and bat on as shown by the Indian batters."

He will hoping the second Test in New Delhi, beginning on October 10, will bring better returns. From a wider perspective, though, the struggle is real. And there are now large scale efforts to arrest what looks like a slide without any bottom.

Challenges identified per the committee

- Decline in the quality of regional events
- Technical, tactical and mental skills deficiencies
- Underperforming franchise systems
- Infrastructure gaps
- Lack of specialist coaching
- Limited ICC revenue
- Fragmented player development pathways
- Inadequate fitness and conditioning standards

Short term plans to address challenges

- Recruiting specialist coaches
- High performance project
- franchise teams to meet certain standards

Medium term plans

- Franchise reforms
- Establishment of standardised academies
- Focus on financial sustainability
- Mentorship framework connecting past WI legends to upcoming players
- Lobbying for equitable ICC revenue

India win drama-filled contest

The latest contest between arch-rivals on the cricket field had its share of controversies as Kaur & Co win by 88 runs

(From left to right) Pacer Kranti Gaud (C) being congratulated by captain Harmanpreet Kaur (L) and Smriti Mandhana. Wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh scored an unbeaten 35 off 20 balls to help India reach 247 against Pakistan on Sunday | PTI

GOMESH S @ Colombo

RENUKA Singh was at the top of her mark to bowl the fifth over of the Pakistan innings at the R Premadasa Stadium on Sunday evening. Pakistan had scored six runs from the first four in the chase of 248, and Sadaf Shamas had taken strike to face Renuka.

That is when the big screen came into the picture. The run out appeal of Muneeba Ali, the other opener, which was declared not out by the third umpire, was being reviewed again. Why? Ali, who was hit on the pads by Kranti Gaud, was standing on the crease with the Indian team appealing. It was turned down by the on-field umpire, but Deepti Sharma, standing at slips, had thrown the ball at the stumps. It hit, and a run out was reviewed.

Upon review, it was visible that Ali had dragged her bat back in, and the third umpire said not out. The over was called, players moved on. But then, the third umpire took it upon herself to review it back again as Ali had lifted her bat off the ground, and it was in the air when the bails came off. That is when she declared out.

Harmanpreet Kaur was pumped up, celebrating and embracing Deepti and her teammates while her counterpart, Fatima Sana, was arguing with the fourth umpire. Ali eventually walked off and the chase went on, but it summed up a drama-filled contest with little cricket in between.

It began at the start itself with Sana, who could be heard calling tails but was inferred heads by the match referee, being awarded the toss and no one, including Kaur, objected. Then, on a sluggish surface, India lost Smriti Mandhana early before Pratika Rawal and Harleen Deol continued to stagnate. Dot balls piled on, and the pressure eventually caught up. First, Rawal fell, with Kaur joining Deol in the middle. The latter, not a proactive runner between the wickets, tried to break the shackles once in a while, but the rotation of strike was not happening. Eventually, Kaur fell to a soft dismissal, nicking Diana Baig down the leg side.

Once Jemimah Rodrigues joined Deol in the middle, she forced her partner to run a lot more. It came with risks as Rodrigues almost got run out once. She was also caught behind before getting a no-ball reprieve. The stand ended with Deol being caught in the deep after scoring 46 off 65.

In between, there were multiple stoppages because a swarm of bugs and flies that kept disturbing the batters. It came to a point where they stopped play for about 15 minutes to fumigate the entire ground. However, with the momentum lost, Rodrigues went for her go-to sweep shot to pick up some boundaries. However, that strategy also cost her as she was trapped on the pads by Nashra Sandhu.

India, in a bid to ensure there is no further collapse, sent Sneh Rana ahead of Richa Ghosh with 15 overs to go. That, however, did not go well. Both Deepti and Rana, with their limited range of shots, could not keep the scoreboard moving. Between overs 35-40, they scored just 13 runs before Rana eventually got some boundaries. Even then, when Rana got out, India were 203/6 with 30 balls to go. Ghosh, who went on to drop three catches later during the chase, came out to bat at eight. Despite the fear of it being too little too late, Ghosh played a sensible cameo of 35 not out from 20 balls which took India to 247. In the end, she was left stranded with everyone else getting out at the other end. "It was not an easy pitch because it was covered for 48 hours. Moisture on the pitch and that was giving it a bit of hold. This is a fighting total for us," Rodrigues said during the mid-innings break.

For Pakistan, the chase was never going to be easy after losing momentum at the start. After the controversial Ali run out, Gaud kept pegging away with wickets at regular intervals. Sharma did her part, getting rid of Sana. A valiant knock by Sidra Amin (81 off 106) kept Pakistan interested but eventually, they fell well short of their target. Soon after Amin's dismissal, Pakistan were bundled out of 159 in 43 overs with India winning by 88 runs. There was not much expected in terms of rivalry on the field in the lead-up to this clash. But the surface, and India's lack of application made it look like one, at least for a brief while before Ghosh put India in control. From the moment they posted 247, it was always India's game to lose.

Brief scores: India 247 in 50 ovs (Deol 46, Ghosh 35 n.o, Rodrigues 32; Baig 4/69) **bt** Pakistan 159 in 43 ovs (Sidra 81, Pervaiz 33; Goud 3/20, Deepti 3/45).

SEEKING FIRST WIN

With New Zealand and South Africa looking for their first points, a look...

EYES ON TOP-ORDER

Though it was good to see Sophie Devine lead from the front, New Zealand would want their top-order to come to the party. Be it Georgia Plimmer, Suzie Bates or Amelia Kerr, they all have to bring their A game against South Africa.

NO LEFT-ARM SPIN THREAT

South Africa played for turn against an England spinner in Guwahati and collapsed. Here, they are up against a team that do not have one. On paper, South Africa have a much stronger bowling attack but it all will come down to the conditions and who bowls first.

WOLVAARDT LOOKS FOR TURNAROUND

They took a hammering at the hands of England and will be itching to turn things around soon. No one more than skipper Laura Wolvaardt to take the onus on herself and set the tone at the top. She will need to step up and deliver something special.

New Zealand vs South Africa, Indore ● **Live on Star Sports & JioHotstar, 3 PM**

Sevilla rout champions Barcelona 4-1

AGENCIES @ Sevilla

SPANISH champions Barcelona collapsed in a shock 4-1 demolition at Sevilla on Sunday in La Liga, with Alexis Sanchez scoring against his former side and Robert Lewandowski missing a penalty for the visitors. The Catalans sit second in the table after their first defeat of the campaign, two points behind bitter rivals Real Madrid after their victory over Villarreal on Saturday, while Sevilla rise provisionally to fourth.

Veteran Chilean winger Sanchez sent Sevilla ahead from the penalty spot early on and Isaac Romero doubled the lead. **Results:** Sevilla 4-1 Barcelona, Alaves 3-1 Elche, Real Madrid 3-1 Villareal.

Sevilla's Gerard Fernandez 'Peque' congratulates teammate Akor Jerome Adams | AFP

Palace's unbeaten run ends

LONDON: Crystal Palace's 19-game unbeaten run in the Premier League was ended by Everton while Manchester City posted a 1-0 win over Brentford. **Results:** Aston Villa **2-1** Burnley, Everton **2-1** Crystal Palace, Wolves **1-1** Brighton, Newcastle **2-0** Forest; Brentford **0-1** Man City.

Panghal, Hussamuddin inch closer to their goals

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

AMIT Panghal was one of the big names from India that was not part of the recent World Championships in Liverpool. The former Asian Games gold medallist is now looking to return to national reckoning. On Sunday, he got a step closer to his current objective after a fighting win. That victory helped him secure a spot in the semifinals of the ongoing BFI Cup 2025, which is currently being held at VIT, here.

Having switched from 51kg to 55kg, it's a welcome result for the Services boxer, who has been in the background since the 2024 Paris Games setback. On the day, Amit defeated fellow Services pugilist, Usman Ansari, by split verdict (4-1).

If Amit goes on to win his next fight, which is due to be held on Monday, he will return to the national camp and will have a chance to fight for the No 1 spot ahead of key events — Commonwealth Games, Asian Games — next year. As per Boxing Federation of India, the gold medallist and the silver winner from this ongoing competition will be part of an elite national camp.

Similarly, Mohammad Hussamuddin also entered the last-four stage in the 60kg category. "I'm competing after a long gap and it has gone well so far. I hope to keep up and go as far as possible," Hussamuddin, who's a former World Championships medallist, said. Hussamuddin, also of Services, beat M Henthoi Singh by unanimous verdict on the day. Like Amit, Hussamuddin is also hoping to return to the fore at the elite level.

On the women's side, former World Championships medallist Manju Rani (48kg), representing Railways, stormed into the final after defeating Mahi Siwach of Haryana. Ankushita Boro (65kg) of Assam also reached the finals with a comfortable win over Shretima Thakur of Himachal Pradesh. Former Youth World Champion Arundhati Choudhary (Services, 70kg) was equally dominant in her 5:0 victory against Deepika (SAI).

EXPRESS READ

India U17 team to play two friendlies in China

NEW DELHI: The Indian U-17 men's team will travel to Beijing to play two closed-door friendly matches against China U17 on October 8 and 10, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) said on Sunday. After being crowned SAFF U17 champions, Bibiano Fernandes' boys continued their training camp in Goa and will arrive in China on Monday.

Perricard upsets Fritz at Shanghai Masters

SHANGHAI: Big-serving Frenchman Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard upset fourth-ranked Taylor Fritz 6-4, 7-5 & advanced to the fourth round of the Shanghai Masters. He sent down 12 aces, to Fritz's nine, and took a break in each set as he clinched his first tour win against the American to set up a last-16 meeting with Holger Rune.

China Open: Anisimova beats Noskova in final

BEIJING: Amanda Anisimova claimed the China Open with a 6-0, 2-6, 6-2 win over Linda Noskova in the final of the hard-court indoor event. Anisimova, who ended fellow American Coco Gauff's title defense, sealed the match with a backhand winner down the line and fell on her back as she won the trophy for the first time.

Irani Cup: Dubey, Thakur help Vidarbha beat RoI

AGENCIES @ Nagpur

YASH Dhull smashed his way to 92 but Vidarbha bowling unit proved too good for Rest of India as they comfortably won the Irani Cup by 93 runs on Sunday. Chasing a target of 361, Rest of India were all out for 267 in the second session of the fifth day with left-arm spinner Harsh Dubey (4/73) and pacer Yash Thakur (2/47) doing bulk of the damage.

Vidarbha now have played three Irani Cup games and won all three. Credit would go to Dubey, last year's highest wicket-taker in Ranji Trophy, and Thakur — both of whom had a match-haul of six wickets and did well enough to get majority of the 20 Rest of India wickets across two innings.

Vidarbha captain Akshay Wadkar receives the trophy on Sunday | PTI

Brief scores: Vidarbha 342 & 232 **bt** RoI 214 & 267 in 73.5 ovs (Y Dhull 92, M Suthar 56, Harsh Dubey 4/73).

Budding shuttlers' quest for world glory begins

ENS @ Chennai

YOUNG shuttlers from India and across the world will be in focus in the next two weeks or so with the BWF World Junior Championships set to get underway at the National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati on Monday.

With India hosting the prestigious event after 17 years, the local shuttlers will be hoping to make the most of familiar surroundings and leave a notable impression. The marquee competition commences with Suhandinata Cup (team event) and will be followed by individual championships (Eye-Level Cups). From the hosts' perspective, Unnati Hooda, Rakshitha Sree and Tanvi Sharma, to name a few, will be looking to bring their A-Game and put the country on the world map.

Indian badminton team ahead of the World Junior C'ships beginning on Monday | BAI

Clubbed alongside UAE, Sri Lanka and Nepal in Group H, India are favourites to top the group and challenge for a medal in a newly introduced best-of-three set relay-scoring format in which each set will be a race to 45 points. India will open their campaign against Nepal on Monday, followed by a tie against Sri Lanka on Tuesday. They will then face UAE on Wednesday. Sanjay Mishra, BAI general secretary, is hopeful that the budding stars can live up to expectations.

"(...) We are once again expecting multiple medals this time around as most of the team members have been training at this very venue for the last year or so," Mishra was quoted as saying in a release.

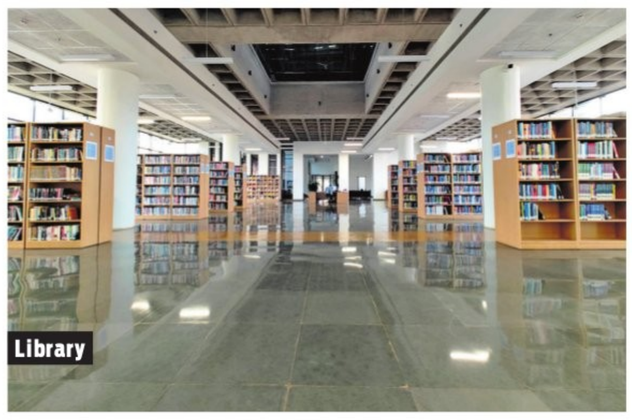
China, Japan, South Korea, Thailand and holders Indonesia are the other notable teams to keep a close eye on. China are the in-form team as they had clinched the Asia Junior mixed team title in July, beating Thailand in the final while India had reached the quarterfinal stage. All in all, India have 11 medals in the history of the competition. The youngsters will be looking to add to that tally.

Simran continues to impress, India finish 5th overall

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

DAYS after clinching gold with a lifetime best run of 11.95s in the women's 100m T12 finals, Simran rounded off her campaign with a silver in the 200m T12 run in the final day of the World Para Athletics Championships. She clocked 24.46 seconds, the new Asian record. India ended at fifth in the medal tally, with a total of 22 medals (6 gold, 9 silver and 7 silver), their best performance so far.

Sandeep settled for silver in the men's 200m T44 final, while Navdeep finished second in the men's javelin throw F41 final.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Placement trends and challenges

FROM RECORD PLACEMENTS TO GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES, THE INSTITUTE CONTINUES TO SHAPE ETHICAL LEADERS FOR INDIA'S FUTURE AND EXTENDS ITS INDUSTRY AND SOCIAL IMPACT, FINDS **SAUMYA SOLANKI**

FINAL PLACEMENTS 2024–25

₹34.3 LPA	₹18.8 LPA	₹18.4 LPA
Highest CTC	Average CTC	Median CTC

RECRUITER PARTICIPATION: 166 COMPANIES, INCLUDING 47 FIRST-TIME RECRUITERS

TOP RECRUITING SECTORS (SHARE)

SUMMER PLACEMENTS 2024–25

₹5.3 lakh for 2 months	₹1.9 lakh Average
Highest stipend	stipend (top 50%)

RECRUITERS PARTICIPATED: 148, INCLUDING 41 NEW COMPANIES

LEADING DOMAINS

Dialogue and debate remain central to the institute's pedagogy.

PROMINENT RECRUITERS

IIM Raipur attracted both global giants and Indian conglomerates, including: Amazon, Deloitte, Accenture, Infosys, Adani, Capgemini, Piramal Pharma, Telstra, HSBC, IBM, PwC, and ServiceNow

The wide diversity of recruiters highlights the institute's strong corporate partnerships across IT, BFSI, FMCG, Manufacturing, and Consulting sectors.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Despite positive trends, certain challenges remain:

- Large batch sizes (314–343 students) make aligning opportunities with diverse academic and work backgrounds complex
- Increasing competition among B-Schools
- Evolving industry expectations for digital-first, analytics-driven skill sets

Nevertheless, IIM Raipur's focus on academic rigor, unique pedagogy, and global collaborations ensures students are well-prepared for dynamic careers, maintaining resilience in placement outcomes.

CAMPUS LIFE FUN

- **Best dish in the canteen:** Chicken Biriyani
- **Most awesome informal tradition:** Late night gupshup at Mor Adda
- **Lingo typical to IIM Raipur:** Deadlines are sacrosanct
- **Best time to be on campus:** Monsoon
- **Best spot to hang out:** Pizza box
- **Most Instagram-worthy spot on campus:** In front of Gyanshila, Bridge to nowhere
- **Most competitive club or society:** RANG

IIM RAIPUR AN EMERGING POWERHOUSE OF MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE

Alumni Spotlight

Chandresh Jain
PGP 2013–15: IndiGo (InterGlobe Aviation Ltd), Associate Director - Aircraft Acquisition & Finance (Lease Management)

Shashi Bharti
PGP 2010–12: Deloitte, Partner

Suriya Kumar P K
PGP 2016–18: HDFC Bank, Associate Director

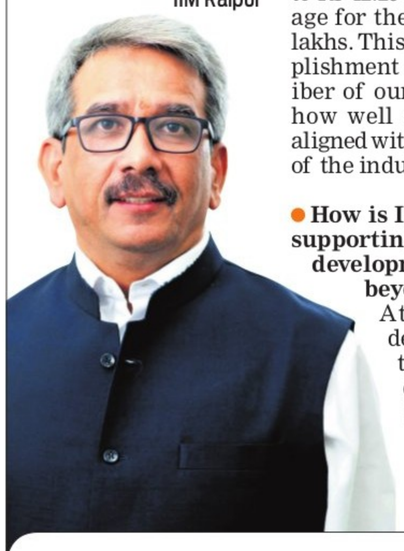
Piyush Gaurav
PGP 2015–17: LTI Mindtree, Associate Account Director

"Constructing a future that is inclusive, sustainable, and globally impactful"

Director-in-Charge Prof Sanjeev Prashar, on how IIM Raipur is merging Chhattisgarh's ethos with global perspectives to build ethical leaders, drive industry linkages, and foster policy innovation for India's future

To help our students become more adaptable in a job market that is dynamic, they work on real-world industrial initiatives, do rigorous research projects, and participate in dynamic simulations

Prof Sanjeev Prashar
Director-in-Charge, IIM Raipur



What are the unique strengths or focus areas that set IIM Raipur apart from other IIMs?
The lively and youthful spirit of IIM Raipur is deeply rooted in the rich culture, resources, and values of Chhattisgarh. The large 200-acre campus in Atal Nagar is a great example of how modern architecture can work well with traditional architecture. IIM Raipur clearly puts ethics, social responsibility, and leadership that builds the nation at the top of its list of priorities. This dedication creates a culture of discipline and respect that gets students ready for important leadership and management positions.

What is the institute doing to strengthen industry partnerships and improve student employability?
IIM Raipur is relentlessly working to get more industry engagement, which is a key to its growth. There were 116 organisations that actively took part in the 2022–24 placement season, 38 of which were hiring for the first time. Our students did very well in a wide range of areas, including sales and marketing, operations and IT, analytics and consulting, general management, and finance. The highest domestic CTC went up to Rs 42.29 lakhs, and the average for the class was Rs 18.15 lakhs. This outstanding accomplishment shows not only caliber of our students, but also how well our curriculum is aligned with the dynamic needs of the industry.

How is IIM Raipur supporting the holistic development of students beyond academics?
At IIM Raipur, students study in ways that go beyond the classroom. Our students are participating in entrepreneurial projects, academic and cultural societies, and management events like MIRAI, our new annual management fest that has set a new standard since it replaced Karmaanta in 2025. We use case studies, simulations, role-plays, field projects, and guest sessions with industry professionals to make learning more hands-on. Our goal is to develop flexible individuals who can think critically, lead teams well, and easily adapt to different situations.

How is IIM Raipur contributing to societal development at the grassroots level? Any ventures undertaken recently?
IIM Raipur is one of the leaders in bringing together academic knowledge and making a difference. Our recent Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre for Studies on Holistic Development (CSHD) focuses on important topics, including rural entrepreneurship, governance, sustainability, and development economics. This cooperation leads to joint research, field investigations, policy discussions, and mentoring for social entrepreneurs that make a difference.

Also, a huge Rs 101 crore investment from the Motilal Oswal Foundation will help research, entrepreneurship, and technology projects that are meant to help the region grow.

How will IIM Raipur's fully funded MBA in Public Policy under the CM Fellowship shape Chhattisgarh's next generation of governance leaders?
Our new programme, MBA in Public Policy & Governance (2025–27) under the CM Fellowship, is specifically curated to draw in people who are passionate about establishing and running policies. It is a fully funded program that creates unparalleled opportunities for talent from diverse backgrounds. Graduates will have exceptional managerial abilities and a deep understanding of governance, which will allow them to directly help with effective public administration and transformative policy changes in Chhattisgarh.

How is IIM Raipur adapting its MBA programs to address the dual challenge of AI-driven job disruptions and emerging global opportunities in management?
IIM Raipur is actively adding courses on digital transformation and AI awareness to its curriculum so that students are ready for the future. To help our students become more adaptable in a job market that is dynamic, they work on real-world industrial initiatives, do rigorous research projects, and participate in dynamic simulations. We make sure that our curriculum follows global best practices through significant international collaborations. This helps students learn how to work together to solve problems and be ready to tackle both technological disruptions and emerging international business opportunities head-on.

Where do you see India in 2050, and what role do you see IIM Raipur playing toward that vision?
India will definitely become a prosperous, inclusive, and innovative country by 2050. It will be able to compete well on the global stage while staying true to its commitment to sustainability. IIM Raipur is ready to play a key role in this change by developing leaders who are ethical, socially responsible, and able to see things from a global point of view while still holding on to Indian values. The institute will make a big difference in constructing a future that is inclusive, sustainable, and globally impactful through grassroots innovation, active policy participation, entrepreneurship, and strategic collaborations.

STUDENT VOICES

What I love most is the collaborative learning environment; peers constantly challenge and motivate each other to think creatively and push boundaries.
— Harsha Chandorker, Batch of 2026

The faculty at IIM Raipur are exceptionally supportive and bring real-world insights into the classroom, making every lecture engaging and practical.
— Harsh Raj, Batch of 2026

IIM Raipur offers incredible opportunities through internships, industry interactions, and student-led initiatives, which have helped me grow both professionally and personally.
— Vishwajeet Namawar, Batch of 2026

Iconic events & traditions

Campus life at IIM Raipur is shaped as much by its events and traditions as by academics, creating an atmosphere where learning and celebration go hand in hand.

Flagship events
The year features several flagship events that have become a hallmark of the institute.

Army Mela
Allows students to witness the courage and discipline of the Indian Army through live demonstrations and displays.

Consulting Club

Yukti: The Business Conclave provides a space for leaders and entrepreneurs to share perspectives on purposeful business growth.

Mirai: The annual festival that blends culture, sports, and management competitions into a vibrant three-day celebration.

Leadership Summit gathers CXOs, policymakers, and entrepreneurs to reflect on leadership in a changing world.

Long-standing traditions: Aarambh marks the beginning of the sports season with spirited contests in cricket, badminton, volleyball, squash, and swimming. Section Wars strengthens the bond between junior and senior sections through performances in dance, nukkad natak, music, and a wide range of sporting events including basketball, futsal, throwball, and powerlifting.

Yukti Conclave

Festivals & celebrations: Festivals add color & warmth to the campus. Ganesh Chaturthi is observed with devotion and performances, Navratri with energetic garba nights, Onam with floral pookalams, Diwali with lamps & festivities, and Holi with colors, laughter, and togetherness.

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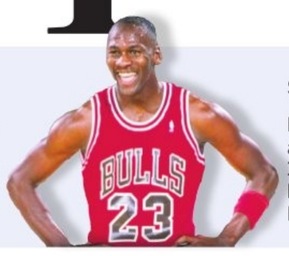
On this day in 1993, in a room filled with coaches, teammates and NBA Commissioner, David Stern, Michael Jordan announced his retirement

ABOUT THE PLAYER

Michael Jordan was born on February 17, 1963, Brooklyn, and is a former collegiate and professional basketball player widely considered to be one of the greatest all-around players



SECOND RETIREMENT

His second retirement announcement, in January 1999, came after bitter tension between General Manager Jerry Krause and Coach Jackson

RECOGNITIONS

In 1996, the NBA named him one of the 50 greatest players, and in 2009 he was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame

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ABROAD STUDY

A bleak job market, AI dominance & visa complications are forcing students with a foreign degree to return to home turf

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

VISHVESHVAR, 23, a recent graduate of Purdue University, Indiana, noticed the impact on employment late last year that led to his return to his hometown Bengaluru from the US. The financial analyst says, "Let alone jobs, even people with great resumes were struggling to get an internship. When I interned in '22 and '23, I saw a lot more companies sponsoring foreign students, as opposed to a year later when I was looking for a full-time job."

Agrees immigration lawyer Nadadur S Kumar, noting, "Most employers do not want to commit themselves to developing somebody if they are unsure that this person is even able to continue to stay in the US. It creates a lack of enthusiasm among employers across the board."

A higher education degree abroad has been the goal for Indian students seeking quality education or wanting to explore foreign shores. However, with increasing post-study visa restrictions and a bad job market in destinations majorly swamped by Indian students – the UK and the US – many are foregoing work experience abroad for a job in Bengaluru.

Safety of home country

The Donald Trump government's tariffs and immigration policy changes have been dominating headlines since the US president took office in January. The most recent move to charge a $100,000 fee from companies for H1B visas has unsettled fresh graduates and firms, alike. The UK too has heightened regulations on immigration with an announcement to change the minimum salary requirement from £38,700 to £41,700, effective July 22, 2025 and raising the minimum education qualifications for skilled worker visas.

In the UK, the number of unemployed people per vacancy is 2.3 as of September 2025, according to the data released by the Office for National Statistics.

For Shuborno, an Oxford graduate, the decision to return despite a lucrative job offer in the UK was influenced by rising 'anti-immigration sentiments' in the UK, demonstrated through protests across the country since April. "Things weren't looking good at the start of the year. People's approach towards immigrants felt hostile. And when a top firm offered me a job here, it was a no-brainer to come back. I felt it was safe to be in the country where you are from."

While some may see moving back instead of pursuing a career abroad as a setback, Shuborno expresses, "Comparatively, there are a lot of tech options in Bengaluru and I'm quite happy to be back here."

In non-tech fields like journalism, Kusumitha, a music journalism graduate, notes a preference for UK residents due to familiarity with the country's news and culture. "I was told before the application process that it would be difficult because I was Indian," she says, adding, "I recommend graduates to come back, build networks here – you never know what will turn up. However, I'd still say a UK education is very valuable for its quality and niche course options."

Also, with the dominance of AI (Artifical Intelligence), the struggle to land a job has compounded.

On the bright side

Despite the restrictions, Vishveshvar managed to land a job at a US company he interned at, but moved to a branch in Bengaluru this year owing to visa issues. Kumar notes that the trend might be in this direction if restrictions persist, saying, "In the long run, many companies will outsource to India and start their units here. There will be pressures from various business entities in the US to ease this revolution and I'm hopeful that things will change within a couple of years," he says.

The US saw the number of international students from India declining by 46.4% (from 24,298 to 13,027) between July 2024 and July 2025, according to data reported by the US International Trade Administration. The UK too approved 11% fewer student visas for Indian students than last August according to the UK Home office's data. These two countries have long been popular destinations for Indian students, but reports suggest the trend is shifting to other European countries like Ireland and Germany.

"Generally, we see students from Bengaluru and South India going to Ireland to study ICT subjects and Business. Because there are a lot of job opportunities, they usually stay back or work in other places in Europe," says Wendy D'Souza, senior vice president for Enterprise Ireland, India and South Asia.

> *I recommend graduates to come back, build networks here [UK] – you never know what will turn up. However, I'd still say a UK education is very valuable for its quality and niche course options* - Kusumitha, music journalism graduate

Kamakshi Devi, Darshika Kumari with co-host Sarayu Hegde

Ambika Raje Ghorpade

Musicians performing during the event

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Co-host Revathi Raju with sculptor Arun Yogiraj

A Tale of Two Cities

THE festive week saw the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Lladró's Spirit of India at the newly reimagined Lladró boutique at UB City, where Mysuru's soul met Madrid's craft. The highlight of the evening was renowned sculptor Arun Yogiraj, the creator of Lord Ram Lalla's idol in Ayodhya, who collaborated with Lladró for the very first time. This marked a historic collaboration between the Spanish porcelain house and an Indian sculptor. Together, they brought forth a masterpiece from Mysuru to Valencia, a journey of shared devotion, delicately shaped in porcelain.

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Sacred Exhibition

To offer genuine access to these spiritual treasures, Rudrajyoothi Healing Gallery, a respected name with over 18 years of expertise, is organising Rudraksha Mahotsavam.

The exhibition showcases rare and authentic Rudrakshas, including the revered Shiva Shakti Mala—a divine combination of 1 to 21 Mukhi , Gaurishankar, Ganesh and Sawar Rudraksha beads. According to the Shiva Purana, those who wear all types of Rudraksha with devotion experience fulfillment, protection, and liberation.

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- Rare Shiva Shakti Mala, 1 mukhi to 21 kukhi Rudraksh , Ganesh and Gaurishankar and Rares SAWAR Rudraksh.
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- Personal Consultations to find your ideal Rudraksha combination
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(The author is a Rudraksh Therapist and Founder of Rudrajyoothi Healing Gallery)

Indian Academy Degree College Hosts 8th Graduation Day Ceremony

The Indian Academy Degree College -- Autonomous, located on Hennur Main Road, recently celebrated its 8th Graduation Day Ceremony at the campus of The School of Raya, Hennur–Bagalur Road, Dasanayakanahalli. The School of Raya operates under the umbrella of the Indian Academy Group of Institutions (IAGI).

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr G. Satheesh Reddy, Member of the National Security Advisory Board; Advisor to the Government of Andhra Pradesh (Cabinet Rank); President, Aeronautical Society of India; Former Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman – DRDO; and Former Scientific Advisor to the Raksha Mantri. The Guest of Honour was Dr Niranjana Vanalli, Vice Chancellor, Bengaluru North University.

A key highlight of the event was the formal presentation of graduands to the Chairman for the successful completion of their respective programmes.

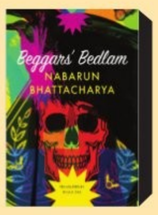
In an inspiring address, Dr Reddy urged graduates to dream big and pursue their ambitions with determination. "It's how we place ourselves that makes us different," he said, encouraging students to set bold goals and work towards them fearlessly.

Quoting luminaries such as Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and young achievers including Aravind Srinivas and Suhas Gopinath, Dr Reddy highlighted the power of innovation and perseverance. "What you think is what matters," he remarked, motivating the youth to embrace entrepreneurship and strengthen India's skilled workforce.

Expressing pride in returning as Chief Guest to his alma mater, Dr Reddy called upon students to become change-makers and contribute to building a prosperous India.

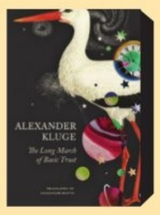
Nearly 400 students graduated during the ceremony, including 320 undergraduates and 80 postgraduates.

BOOK NOOK



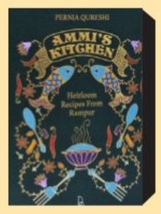
Beggars' Bedlam
By Nabarun Bhattacharya

Part literary descendent of Bulgakov's *The Master and Margarita* and part of a reconstruction of lost Bengali history – this is a surreal novel that unleashes the chaos of the carnival on the familiar.



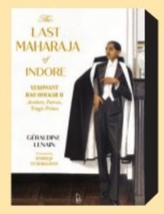
The Long March of Basic Trust
By Alexander Kluge

Blurring the lines between fiction and philosophy, Kluge builds an intricate world enriched by hybrid images and his latest experiment: the 'virtual camera', a cinematic eye that captures the interplay of memory and invention.



Ammi's Kitchen: Heirloom Recipes from Rampur
By Pernia Qureshi

This cookbook is a tribute to all grandmothers who have been the torchbearers of saving and passing on the legacy of classic traditional family recipes.



The Last Maharaja Of Indore
By Geraldine Lenain

While the Holkars were always known for their patronage especially towards arts and textiles, it was Yeshwant Rao who put Indore on the international style circuit with his chic and modernist personal style.

POISED MOVES

Dancers Prashasthi S Raj (left) and Aparna C Kashyap perform at a cultural programme by Karavali Krida and Samskrithika Okkuta, Nayana Auditorium, JC Road | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICKFIX

BHARWA MIRCHI

Contributed by **Rehana,** Bengaluru

INGREDIENTS

- **Green chilli:** 6-8, large
- **Garlic paste:** 2 tbsp
- **Red chilli powder:** 1 tsp
- **Salt:** To taste
- **Oil:** 3 tbsp

METHOD

- Wash and slit the chillies, remove seeds.
- Mix garlic paste, red chilli powder, and salt to form the stuffing.
- Fill this masala into the chillies.
- Heat oil in a pan and place the stuffed chillies.
- Cook on low flame, turning occasionally, until the chillies are soft and the skin blisters.

ASK AN XPERT

DR VIVEK ARORA

The expert is a senior veterinarian, Crown Vet, Delhi.

My rabbit, 3, has been reluctant to eat for the past few days. This is not his normal attitude. Any particular reason behind this?

A sudden decrease in appetite in your three-year-old rabbit is a cause for concern and may indicate an underlying health issue. Common causes include dental disease, gastrointestinal stasis, pain, infection, or stress. Rabbits have delicate digestive systems, and even brief periods of reduced eating can lead to serious complications. I recommend closely monitoring your rabbit for additional signs such as lethargy, changes in droppings, or difficulty chewing. It is important to seek veterinary evaluation promptly to diagnose the cause and begin appropriate treatment. Early intervention is crucial for a successful recovery and your rabbit's well-being.

FITBIT

THE TRUTH BEHIND YOUR FAVOURITE TEAS AND WHAT YOU SHOULD DO DIFFERENTLY

Tea is more than just a beverage in India. It is a cultural ritual that cuts across households, generations and regions. From the familiar masala chai to calming chamomile, tea is consumed for both comfort and perceived health benefits. But how much of what we believe is backed by science, and how should you really be consuming your favorite brew?

TEA VS COFFEE

While tea often gets billed as the 'healthier' alternative to coffee, the truth is both contain caffeine and can influence mood, energy, and sleep. Their impact depends less on the drink itself and more on the individual – how much you consume, how often, and your body's tolerance.

POPULAR TEAS AND THEIR BENEFITS

- **Masala Chai:** A spiced mix of black tea, ginger, cloves, cinnamon, cardamom, and pepper, masala chai does more than energise. Cinnamon may help reduce blood pressure, while antioxidants fight oxidative stress. It can also aid digestion and help manage blood sugar.

Recommended intake: One cup a day in the morning.

- **Green Tea:** Green tea is rich in antioxidants that protect cells from damage and may reduce risks of heart disease and certain cancers. It supports focus, memory, and cholesterol control. Regular consumption has been linked to improved blood pressure and longevity.

Recommended intake: Up to two cups daily.

- **Chamomile Tea:** Long used in traditional remedies, chamomile supports better sleep, reduces menstrual pain, and helps with blood sugar control. Its anti-inflammatory properties may also support bone health and ease anxiety.

Recommended intake: One to two cups before bedtime (avoid during pregnancy and for young children).

- **Hibiscus Tea:** Known for its tart-sweet taste, hibiscus tea is loaded with antioxidants. It helps lower blood pressure, supports heart health, and may regulate cholesterol. Its polyphenols are being studied for anti-cancer potential.

Recommended intake: Two cups on an empty stomach in the morning.

- **Oolong Tea:** This semi-fermented tea bridges green and black tea. It is known to improve brain function, support fat oxidation, reduce inflammation, and improve dental and bone strength. Some studies suggest benefits for eczema as well.

Recommended intake: Two to three cups daily.

- **Lavender Tea:** More familiar in aromatherapy, lavender as a tea has calming effects. It supports better sleep, eases menstrual cramps, improves mood, and shows anti-inflammatory effects that may benefit skin health.

Recommended intake: One cup before bedtime.

Different teas bring unique benefits – From heart health to digestion to better sleep. The key, however, is moderation. Overconsumption of any type of tea, due to caffeine or acidity, can cause more harm than good.

By Madhura Paroolkar, nutrition expert, cult— a fitness and wellness platform

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Tango Lessons

Experience the elegance of tango in this beginner-friendly dance workshop. Learn the fundamentals of steps, posture and partner coordination in a relaxed, social setting designed to help you gain confidence and rhythm.

WHEN: October 6, 7pm
WHERE: LVDS, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Mandala Magic

Discover the meditative art of creating mandalas using intricate dot patterns on wooden bases. The workshop encourages focus and patience while offering a calm and mindful space for artistic expression.

WHEN: October 6, 5pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Sip & Savour

Explore the vineyard and its wine-making process. Participants can sample a variety of wines and learn about the production techniques and flavours unique to each variety. The experience offers an opportunity to understand wine culture while enjoying the scenic vineyard setting.

WHEN: October 6, 10.30am
WHERE: Grover Zampa Vineyards, Raghunathapur
DETAILS: district.in

Karaoke Vibes

Step into an atmosphere inspired by the karaoke culture of Korea and Japan. Choose from private K-style and J-style rooms for cosy group sessions, perfect if you're a bathroom singer finding your voice or a performer ready to shine.

WHEN: October 6, 10am
WHERE: Casa Karaoke, JP Nagar
DETAILS: district.in

Moonlit Monday

Kick-start your week with a groove to chase away the Monday blues! Join the party crowd and dance the night away with DJ Madhav, featuring non-stop music, cocktails and mocktails on a lively Bollywood dance floor.

WHEN: October 6, 8pm
WHERE: Ottoman Restobar, Bellandur
DETAILS: highape.com

Timeless Tunes

Join the Artie's Festival India for an evening that celebrates chamber music and artistic collaboration. The performances highlight both classical masterpieces and contemporary compositions, bringing French musicians together for a night of pure harmony.

WHEN: October 6, 7pm
WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
DETAILS: bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Moon Craft

Bring the magic of the moon to your canvas! In this art workshop, you will sculpt and paint a beautiful 3D version of the moon using modelling paste, palette knives and shimmering tones of grey, silver and white.

WHEN: October 6, 5pm
WHERE: SOCIAL, JP Nagar
DETAILS: allevents.in

ARTCORNER

SHADOW IN THE LIMELIGHT

Artist Yashwant Deshmukh's work shows his long-standing engagement with the metaphysical qualities of space and architecture.

XPRESS HIGHWAY
A SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

MASS ENTRY

Maruti Suzuki's latest offering, Victoris, makes a big bang in India's buzzing SUV segment

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

MID-SIZE SUV seems to be the most exciting and profitable product segment for car manufacturers in India today. Led by the Hyundai Creta, this market of the roughly 4.3-metre-long SUVs continues to grow leaps and bounds.

That is exactly why Maruti Suzuki has now added another model, the Victoris, to this category. Interestingly, this comes at a time when Maruti's own Grand Vitara and its Toyota sibling Hyryder are selling in healthy numbers.

Victoris is built on the same platform that underpins the Grand Vitara, but the designers have managed to give it a distinct, fresh look.

Recently, Maruti Suzuki invited a group of journos, including me, to Jaipur for a first-hand experience. I drove the AWD top variant. Here's what stood out.

Exteriors

The biggest strength of the Victoris is its front design. Dispensing with oversized grilles, it gets chiselled bumpers. The upper portion of the bumper is closed off, somewhat like on electric cars. Attractive LED headlamps and DRL clusters are linked by a chrome strip, standing apart from the current trend of fully connected lamps.

From the side, strong character lines and squared wheel arches with plastic cladding add muscle. In profile, you can notice faint resemblances to the Grand Vitara and Brezza. Blacked-out pillars complete the look.

The rear has a coupe-inspired top section and a full-width tail lamp cluster that drops down at the edges. The car's extra length over many rivals is evident in its stance.

Interiors

Inside, the Victoris borrows cues from Maruti's premium models, yet feels new. The dashboard and steering wheel are fresh designs. Petrol and CNG versions get an ivory–black theme, while strong-hybrids go all-black.

At the centre sits a 10.1-inch touchscreen with thick bezels. Behind the steering, a 10.25-inch fully digital instrument cluster adds a modern touch. Buttons on the infotainment system and steering wheel feel solid, and the Dolby Atmos–enabled 8-speaker Infinity audio system is impressive.

Top variants, like the AWD I drove, come with ventilated and electrically adjustable front seats, which are comfortable and supportive. The rear seat offers good thigh support, three headrests, and reasonable comfort for two adults, though squeezing in a third is tight. The central AC vent also eats into legroom for the middle passenger.

A panoramic sunroof and large glass areas brighten the cabin, while ambient lighting and a PM2.5 filter add to the premium feel. Numerous storage spaces make the cabin practical too.

Open the boot, however, and there's a surprise. There's no spare wheel. The recess remains, but what you get is a puncture repair kit, with a spare wheel available only as an accessory.

Personally, this dents confidence a bit. Petrol variants offer the most boot space; the CNG tank sits under the floor but removes the spare-wheel recess, while the strong-hybrid's battery further reduces room. Still, features like a powered tailgate with gesture control are welcome.

ADAS Level 2

The Victoris is Maruti's first model equipped with Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS). On top variants with 6-speed automatic transmission, Level 2 ADAS includes adaptive cruise control (with all-speed following, stop-and-go, and curve speed reduction), lane keep assist, lane departure prevention and warning, vehicle sway warning, automatic emergency braking, high beam assist, rear cross traffic alert, forward collision warning, and blind spot monitoring with lane change alert. The SUV also carries a 5-star crash safety certification, with ADAS variants offering an added layer of protection.

Performance

The AWD (AllGrip) variant I tested uses Maruti's familiar 1.5-litre naturally aspirated petrol engine, producing 103 PS and 139 Nm, paired with a 6-speed torque-converter automatic. Different drive and off-road modes are available.

For everyday commuting, the engine – gearbox combination is smooth and comfortable. But outright performance feels modest. Push harder and the engine gets vocal, yet the rush never fully reaches the wheels. The tuning seems tilted toward efficiency rather than thrills. That said, suspension balance, steering feedback, and braking precision ensure comfortable travel.

Off-road

On a dedicated off-road course, the Victoris held its own. It managed articulation, potholes, inclines, and rocky patches confidently. Snow/Sand, Sport, and Auto modes worked effectively, while the Lock function (splitting power 50:50 front and rear) and hill descent control added assurance.

Price

The price of Maruti Suzuki Victoris falls between ₹10,49,900 for the base model and nearly ₹20 lakh for the top one. The vehicle is available in petrol, CNG, strong-hybrid, and all-wheel-drive versions.

Verdict

With an expansive line-up of 21 variants, multiple powertrain options, and Maruti's unmatched sales–service footprint, the Victoris is a compelling new contender in the crowded mid-size SUV segment. The only buyers likely to dismiss it are diesel loyalists and turbo-petrol enthusiasts.

The writer is a freelance auto expert who hosts TV shows and anchors the YouTube channel 'CARKADUVA'

Zipping into orbit

India's scooter boom has a new face: TVS Orbiter, a sleek, feature-packed EV built for urbanites

RONNIE KURIAKOSE

THERE is a clear 'scooterisation' unfolding. In FY 2024/25, Indians bought a record 6.85 million scooters, a 17% jump from the year before. Much of this surge came from electric scooters, which now make up almost a third of sales.

This is indeed proof the EV shift is no longer tentative. Against this backdrop, TVS Motor has moved with intent. It already sells two EVs: iQube and TVS X. Now, they have a third.

Orbiter.

This newest launch is aimed at young, urban professionals who aren't fussed about triple-digit speeds or poring over spec sheets, but who care deeply about convenience. TVS calls this target segment the urban commuter. Their lives run in short orbits: office, gym, errands, cafe, partner's place. For this rhythm, the Orbiter is perfect.

CE was invited to test ride the vehicle at TVS headquarters in Hosur, Tamil Nadu. Here are our first impressions of the vehicle.

Design and build

The design makes its intentions plain. The vehicle avoids sporty cues, looking instead like consumer tech. Surfaces are clean and flat, marked by vertical and horizontal lines.

There's a tall stance, upright handlebar, and a long 845 mm seat with ample space for rider and pillion. A 290 mm footboard lets you stretch your legs the moment you get on.

Lighting is the design signature: edge-to-edge lamps with integrated indicators, a slim LED headlamp under a visor, and sleek rear units. Add to that the colour options (Neon Sunburst, Stratos Blue, Lunar Grey, Stellar Silver, Cosmic Titanium, and Martian Copper) and you get a scooter that looks anything but anonymous.

Practical touches count too. There's 34 litres of under-seat storage (enough for two helmets), 169 mm of ground clearance, and a kerb weight of just 112 kg. Easy to push, easy to balance, and easy to weave through traffic.

Engineering and ride

Behind the scenes, TVS leaned on data from 6.5 lakh iQube riders, covering millions of kilometres, to really understand what the modern urban commuter intends to achieve with a vehicle. The Orbiter was engineered around this learning.

The result feels tailored for everyday use. The vehicle is quick enough (0 to 40 km/h in 6.8 seconds) for city darts, and flyovers/hills don't feel like a struggle.

The real star is the chassis. A 14-inch front wheel (a first in its segment) paired with a 12-inch rear makes the Orbiter glide over broken roads. Steering is light, handling natural, and it leans willingly into corners. Top speed is capped at 68 km/h. Some riders will find that limiting, especially against the iQube's higher top end. But most city riding rarely goes beyond 55–60 km/h. In that light, Orbiter's ceiling feels more like a trade-off than a flaw. Interestingly, braking is handled by drums, not discs. TVS argues drums are smoother in stop-go traffic and encourages steadier riding.

On the road, Orbiter feels sprightly, zippy; never cumbersome.

Tech and safety

Where Orbiter distinguishes itself is in features. Cruise control is the standout, rare at this price point. A simple two-step input holds your speed until throttle or brake intervenes. It makes city riding smoother and less tiring. Hill-hold assist is equally handy, as are reverse and parking assists.

The scooter is also deeply connected. A coloured LCD cluster shows calls, SMS, and trip data, while the SmartXonnect app details charging status, distance-to-empty, etc. There are also features like crash and fall alerts, geofencing, time-fencing, and anti-theft warnings.

Charging takes 4 hours 10 minutes to 80%, or six hours for a full charge. Range is quoted at 158 km IDC, with around 115 km realistic in daily us.

What we think

The Orbiter isn't designed to thrill, nor to carry families. It's meant to make commuting easier, and it succeeds. Segment-first features like 14-inch front wheel, cruise control, and 34-litre boot make it stand out.

Yes, the 68 km/h cap will deter those who crave speed. And its price and practicality may see it become ubiquitous, perhaps the scooter of choice for gig-economy workers. But ubiquity is no failure. For TVS, whose XL 100 continues to define rural mobility in Tamil Nadu, the Orbiter becoming the go-to for today's urban worker would be fitting.

For young professionals navigating the city every day, TVS Orbiter (at ₹99,900 ex-showroom) is indeed a steal.

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I, SMITA SINHA daughter of KAUSHLENDRA KUMAR SINHA, legally wedding spouse of MOHAN kumar residing at SMQ No- 42/3, Air Force Camp, Akash Vihar, Marathahalli, Bengaluru - 560037, have changed my name from **SMITA SINHA to KUMARI SMITA SINHA** vide affidavit dated 08 Sep 2025 sworn before notary A R Muneer Ahmed Bengaluru.

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I, Surya Vyas, Residing at No. 88, 1st Cross, Main Road, Bhuvaneshwari Road, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560032. Have changed my name from **SURYAKANTHA PAREEK alias SURYA KANTHA VYAS .P To SURYA VYAS,** vide affidavit dated 25-09-2025, sworn before Advocate & Notary Leela, Bengaluru.

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I, **LIYAKATH IMTHIYAZ AHMED KHAN** S/o Ahmed Khan, aged about 56 years, R/a No.636, Avalahalli, Near Udu School Road, Anjanapura Post, Bengaluru-560062 have changed my name to **LIYAKATH IMTHIYAZ** vide affidavit dt. 30/09/2025 before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. SUDHA S**, W/o Girish G Puranik residing at No.3, 1st Floor, 3rd Main Road Near Sangeetha Mobile Show Room Chamundeshwari Layout, Doddabommasandra, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore - 560097, do hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **SUDHA GIRISH** to **SUDHA S**, W/o Girish G Puranik. Henceforth, I shall be known and called as **SUDHA S**, W/o Girish G Puranik only, vide affidavit date 04/10/2025, sworn before advocate & notary R RAMESH, at B'lore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SADIQ HUSSAIN** (New Name) previously called SADIQ (Old Name), doing Business, Residing at , No. 348, Opp.RMC Market, Vinayakanagara, Doddaballapura Town, Bangalore Rural Dist-561203, Declares that, I Have Changed My Name from **SADIQ** to **SADIQ HUSSAIN** Vide affidavit Dated : 04-10-2025, Sworn before the notary M.Mohan kumar at Doddaballapura.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KRISHNAVENI, W/o. Manoj Singh, Residing at: # No.305, Immidihalli Main Road, St. Mary Building, Whitefield, Bangalore – 560066 I state that my name mentioned in Passport as **"KRISHNAVENI MANI"** I which is incorrect. Hence the correct name is **"KRISHNAVENI"** vide affidavit dated **04.10.2025** sworn to before the **Rajanna. S.M. Advocate &** Notary Public, Government of India, Bengaluru-560036.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, USHA SINGH NARAYAN SINGH W/o Anand Singh.G, aged about 45 years, R/at No 11, Tara Nivas, Lakshmamma Layout, Nagashettihalli, Bangalore North, RMV Extension 2nd Stage, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 092, have changed my name from **USHA BAI NARAYAN SINGH** to **USHA SINGH NARAYAN SINGH,** vide affidavit dated 30/8/2025 sworn to before S Vijayakumar Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MISBA MOHAMMDI, Resident at No.10, Amar Layout, Shampur Road, D.J. Halli, Bengluru-560 045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MISBA MOHAMMDI** to **(NEW NAME) MISBA MOHAMMADI** vide affidavit dated 04.10.2025 sworn before Notary T.Mallikarjuna., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAYURI NEELKANT POWAR @ MAYURI POWAR,** aged about 31 years, D/o Neelkant Budhvant Powar, R/at No. 19/2, Skav Aastha 5D B Block Industrial Suburb, Next to RG Royal Convention Hall, Mahalakshmipuram, Yeshwanthpura, VTC: Bengaluru North, PO: Yeshwanthpura, Sub District: Bengaluru North, District Bengaluru-560022 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. both the names i.e. **MAYURI POWAR** and **MAYURI NEELKANT POWAR** are one and the same and refers to me only, I have changed my name from **MAYURI POWAR** to **MAYURI NEELKANT POWAR,** vide affidavit dated 03-10-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RAJESHWARI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **No. 15325884N,** Rank: SPR Name: **BANAN CHARLES A** is legal father of ANTO MELVIN, R/a No.244, 8th Cross, L R Nagar, Vivek Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560047 have changed my son's name from **ANTO MELVIN** to **ANTO MELVIN B,** vide affidavit dt. 30/09/2025 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N,** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **N. VIMLA GALADA,** W/o. Late. Narendra Kumar Galada, aged about 71 years, R/at 303 B, Brooklyn Apartment, 63 Banaswadi Main Road, Jai Bharati Nagar, Bangalore-560 033. I state that, I am also known as **'VIMALA GALADA'** & **'N. VIMLA GALADA',** Hereby declare that, above said names are one and the same & it refers to me only, vide Affidavit dated 03.10.2025, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Varija. C.J, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Girish Channamallappa Katti,** S/o. Channamallappa Katti, aged about 29 years, residing at Katti Galli, Talikoti, Vijayapura-586214, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Girish Channamallappa Katti** to **Girish Katti,** vide affidavit dated 04.10.2025, sworn to before Pathan Rahamathulla, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Chikkaballapura.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MANOJ SINGH, S/o. Dhyana Singh, Residing at: # No.305, Immidihalli Main Road, St. Mary Building, Whitefield, Bangalore – 560066, I state that my name mentioned in Passport as **"MANOJ KUMAR"** I which is incorrect. Hence the correct name is **MANOJ SINGH,** vide affidavit dated vide affidavit dated **04.10.2025** sworn to before the **Rajanna. S.M. Advocate &** Notary Public, Government of India, Bengaluru-560036.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Anand Narashimha Murthy Rao** (Old Name), residing at Flat No. 002, Anjanadri Enclave, Ground Floor, Parimalanagar, Bangalore - 560 096 have changed my name as **ANAND RAO** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 03.10.2025 sworn before Advocate & Notary Sri H. G. Venkataramu, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
K.M. PRAKASHA, S/o. Mariyappa, residing at no.225, 6th Cross, Rajeev Gandhi Ashraya Layout, Singapura, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560097, have changed my name to **K.M. PRAKASHA** (new name) from **K.M. PRAKASH** (old name) Vide affidavit dated **03-10-2025** sworn before advocate and notary Chandrakala, Bangalore

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I, the undersigned **R M BANUPRAKASH,** S/o. Mallikarjunaiah R B, aged about 53 years, and previously called as BANU PRAKASH, Residing at. No. 2541, 28th Cross, 17th Main Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070,
I have changed my name from **"BANU PRAKASH,"** to **" R M BANUPRAKASH "** vide Affidavit dated 04-10-2025 Sworn to Before **NEHA BADDI** Advocate & Notary at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JOY DOUGLAS** D/O YESUPATHAM is legally wedded spouse of, EX SERGEANT No. 645868N, ALBERT PRABHA DOUGLAS residing at 18/19, 7th Cross, Shanthi Layout, Ramamurthynagar, Bangaluru, 560016, have changed my name from **JOY DOUGLAS** to **JOY SELVI DOUGLAS** vide affidavit dated: 04.10.2025 before Notary **S.Samuel Solomon,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sharanabasappa Desai** S/o. Viranna, Age about: 61 years, Residing at No, 45, F. No.401, 4th Floor, Balaji Residency, 10th Main, 13th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560 003. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'SHARANABASAPPA VIRANNA DESAI'** to **"SHARANABASAPPA DESAI".** Vide Affidavit dated 03.10.2025, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Lakshminarayana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHIVANI AGRAWAL, W/o. Tanmay Agrawal, Residing at E2-001, SNN Raj Greenbay Phase-2, Near Tech Mahindra Electronic City, Doddanagamangala, Bangalore-560100, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHIVANI AGARWAL** to **SHIVANI AGRAWAL,** vide affidavit dated 04.10.2025, sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, TANVI ARAS, Aged about 26 Years, D/o Narayan and Supriya, resident of No.314, Sobha Aquamarine, Outer Ring Road, Bellandur, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560103, India have changed my name TANVI NARAYAN ARAS vide affidavit dated 04/10/2025 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

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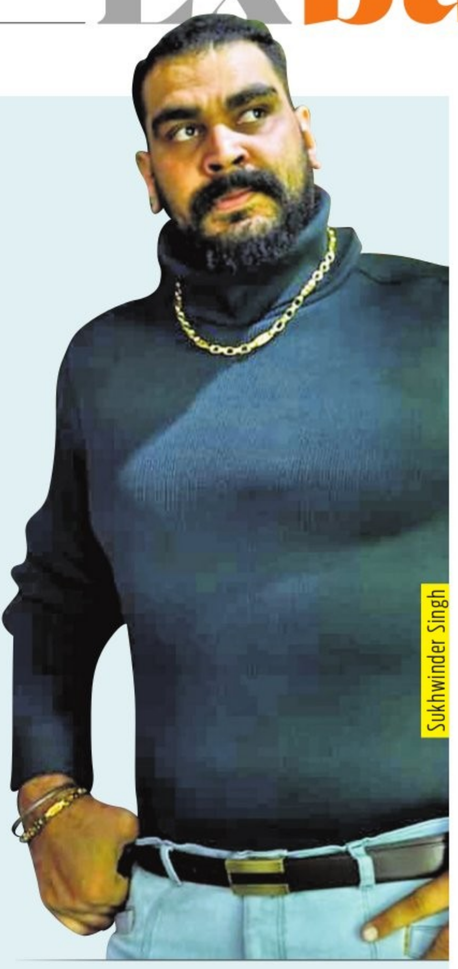
BOLLYWOOD'S 'GIANT ZANJEER' MAKES HIS KANNADA DEBUT WITH *666: OPERATION DREAM THEATRE*


Sukhwinder Singh

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STANDING head and shoulders above the rest, Sukhwinder Singh Grewal, who is 7 ft 2 in and better known to Bollywood fans as WWE superstar and the legendary 'Giant Zanjeer,' is making his Kannada film debut in Hemanth M Rao's *666: Operation Dream Theatre*, which is currently in its second schedule.

Sukhwinder, who recently shared the screen with Shah Rukh Khan in Jawan and appeared in Aryan Khan's Bads of Bollywood, steps into a role designed to intimidate. "We needed someone truly menacing, someone whose very presence could make the screen feel small," shares Hemanth M Rao, adding, "Sukhwinder was perfect. Off-camera, he's one of the gentlest souls I've met—a huge contrast to his towering on-screen persona. We even had to raise the height of the sets to fit him in!"

Set in a vintage era, the film teases a spy-thriller vibe reminiscent of Dr Rajkumar's iconic CID 999 series. The team is currently filming an intense action sequence with Sukhwinder, promising audiences a cinematic spectacle.

On his Kannada debut, Sukhwinder says, "I've always admired South Indian cinema, and it's wonderful to finally be a part of it. Working alongside Dhananjaya and the legendary Shiva Rajkumar is an absolute honour. I'm excited to see how the Kannada audience responds and hope to be part of more projects here."

Asked about being the tallest on set, he laughs, "I'm usually the tallest wherever I go, so I've grown used to the stares!"

Produced by Dr Vaishak J Gowda under Vaishak J Films, the film boasts a strong technical team with Charan Raj on music, Advaitha Gurumurthy handling cinematography, and Vishwas Kashyap as production designer. *666: Operation Dream Theatre* has been planned as a pan-South release in Kannada and Telugu.

Shivarajkumar

Dhananjaya

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Team Jodethu

COMEDIAN-turned-hero Chikkanna, who made his debut as a lead with Upadhyaksha and completed pre-production work for Laxmiputra, is now venturing into new territory with his upcoming film, *Jodethu*, a tri-lingual project in Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu.

Directed by S Mahesh Kumar and produced by Somasekhar (Kattigenahalli), the film officially commenced with a muhurath ceremony. Director R Chandru switched on the camera for the event and extended his best wishes, while Sandalwood's 'Adhyaksha' Sharan launched the title teaser, praising the team's efforts. Revenue Minister Krishna Bairagowda also graced the event, lifting the spirits of the cast and crew.

The producers also announced plans to cast a leading actor from Tamil cinema in the project, strengthening the film's pan-South appeal. Speaking at the launch, Sharan said, "The title teaser shows that this film is grand in all respects. With a brilliant cast and a capable technical crew, *Jodethu* is set to achieve many firsts."

Interestingly, *Jodethu* had gained popularity during a political campaign for MP Sumalatha alongside Darshan and Yash. Author Mahesh Dev clarified that while the film's story touches on themes from five years ago, the story is set in the 1980s within a Mandya village backdrop.

Talking about his shift to hero roles, Chikkanna shared, "I've always loved making people laugh, but this film gives me a chance to explore a different side of myself. The humour audiences love will remain, but they will also see a hero who experiences emotions, family bonds, and drama in equal measure. This is my biggest-budget film so far. The story begins and ends in a village, and shooting will commence from November. The title was given to us by Ramamoorthy, and we extend our sincere appreciation to him."

Director Mahesh Kumar added, "Chikkanna's character and look are completely different. The story has a strong core, and as a film rooted in rural realism, I am attempting to infuse the screen with the flavour of my own Mandya upbringing."

Producer Somasekhar highlighted the scale of the project. "This is our third film under the Akash Enterprises banner. Mahesh Dev has written the story meticulously, and we're ensuring it looks spectacular on screen. There is no budget constraint."

Music director V Harikrishna is composing five new tracks that will blend mass appeal with class, while cinematographer Sudhakar S. Raj, who has worked on numerous star productions, handles the visuals. Three dialogue writers—Masti, Rajshekhar, and Raghu Niduvalli—are collaborating on the screenplay, with Mohan B Kerr serves as chief art director.

Sudhakar S Raj praised Chikkanna's creative input. "There's a special flavour in the story. The teaser concept was suggested by Chikkanna, and we executed it flawlessly."

Looking back at the casting process, the producer added, Several actors were considered, but Chikkanna brought sensitivity and authenticity. He fits the role perfectly. *Jodethu* will be a cocktail of comedy, family emotion, action, and high technical standards—set to become one of Chikkanna's most unique roles yet."

The film, directed by Mahesh Kumar and produced by Somasekhar, also features Telugu actor Sunil, and the team is looking for another talented actor from Tamil cinema for a prominent role

Chikkanna

A still from the film

KANNADA IS CLOSE TO MY HEART : ABBY V

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RISHAB Shetty's *Kantara Chapter 1*, produced by Vijay Kiragandur's Hombale Films, is currently enjoying a phenomenal run at the box office. Among the film's standout highlights is the song, 'Brahmakalasha', which has emerged as a visual and musical spectacle. Composed by Ajaneesh Loknath, choreographed by Bhushan, the song brings together lead actors Rishab Shetty, Rukmini Vasanth, and Jayaram, with stunning cinematography by Arvind Kashyap. Seamlessly blending classical and folk elements and rendered in multiple languages, the sequence also marks the Kannada film debut of Canadian-origin Indian singer Abby V. Born Abhishek Venkat in Canada, Abby V began formal music training at a young age under his father, Venkat, a classical musician. Growing up in Toronto, he mastered both Carnatic and Hindustani classical music and gained a massive social media following through viral collaborations and performances. "From Canada to Kannada, this language is closest to my heart," shares Abby V. "The Kannada community, friends, and even the food, I love it all. I'm thrilled to sing for a film as big as *Kantara Chapter 1*."

Abby V's musical journey includes the album Aarambh, a collaboration with Grammy winner Ricky Kej, and the song 'Neelorpam' for Indian 2. After moving to India in 2019, he released a 13-minute performance video featuring 73 classical ragas, which has garnered millions of views on YouTube, catching composer Ajaneesh Loknath's attention as well. On why he was chosen to sing 'Brahmakalasha', he explains, "The song has deep classical and folk elements. I was approached via Instagram, which shows the power of social media. I wasn't known for a major hit or reality show, but my work with ragas drew their attention. Ajaneesh anna explained that the setting was a thousand years ago, and they wanted someone fluent in ragas. I've studied Hindustani, Carnatic, and Western music, so it was a perfect fit. Kannada audiences are open to new artists, and I feel truly blessed."

Abby V with composer Ajaneesh Loknath and co-composer CR Bobby

Interestingly, Abby V has been connected to the song for almost two years. "I met Ajaneesh in Chennai, discussed different ragas, and understood the essence of the lyrics in Tulu and Kannada. Rishab explained the meaning patiently. I recorded parts of the song across the world, from San Francisco to Dubai to Los Angeles. It's truly a global song."

Now based in Mumbai, Abby V is keen on more projects in Karnataka. "The industry and city have shown me so much love. On Instagram, Bengaluru is my top city following, and I hope to collaborate on more films like *Kantara Chapter 1*."

Anne Hathaway, Adam Driver in war drama

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ACTORS Anne Hathaway and Adam Driver are set to share screen space for the first time in an upcoming war drama titled *Alone At Dawn* for Amazon MGM Studios. The film will be directed by noted filmmaker Ron Howard, known for *Apollo 13* (1995), *A Beautiful Mind* (2001), *The Da Vinci Code* (2006), and *Rush* (2013). Based on the 2019 book of the same name by authors Dan Schilling and Lori Longfritz, the film is inspired by the true story of Air Force Combat Controller John Chapman (played by Adam Driver) and an intelligence officer (played by Anne Hathaway) who fought to get him a Medal of Honor. Anne Hathaway is also currently working on *The Devil Wears Prada 2* and *The Odyssey*. Driver, who was a part of *Megalopolis*, will next be seen in *Father Mother Sister Brother*. He also plays the lead in Chris Rock's upcoming directorial.

Jason Bateman to direct Tom Holland?

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HOLLYWOOD is set to have another John Grisham adaptation, with actor-filmmaker Jason Bateman attached as the director for a film based on Grisham's 1997 novel The Partner. According to reports, Tom Holland is in negotiations to star in the movie. The plot follows a lawyer at a well-established firm faking his death to steal a whopping sum of $90 million in favour of one of his dodgy customers. There have been multiple film adaptations of Grisham novels in Hollywood, such as A Time to Kill and The Firm, to name a few.

Hollywood had also considered adapting John Grisham's The Partner before, with John Lee Hancock, of The Blind Side fame, attached to direct it from a screenplay by Graham Moore. The potential Hancock directorial was then moved from New Regency to Universal Pictures, which is backing the latest Bateman version. Michael Costigan of Aggregate Films is producing the film.

Bateman stars in the recently released Netflix thriller Black Rabbit, alongside Jude Law. He also directed a couple of Black Rabbit episodes.

London Film Festival to celebrate 50 years of *Sholay*

A still from the film

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THE London Film Festival is set to celebrate 50 years of the Bollywood classic *Sholay*, featuring Amitabh Bachchan and Dharmendra, with a special screening of a restored version of the director's cut, complete with the original ending and some deleted scenes. The British Film Institute's (BFI) annual festival of films from across the globe, which opens next week, has other Indian themes too, including Lucknow-born Ahmed Alauddin Jamal's Hotel London and Anuparna Roy's debut Songs of Forgotten Trees - in the running for the First Feature Competition.

Originally released in 1975, the multi-starrer film, including Amjad Khan as Gabbar Singh, Sanjeev Kumar as Thakur, and Hema Malini as Basanti, captivated audiences worldwide with what the BFI describes as a "compelling narrative, memorable characters and groundbreaking action sequences". The BFI IMAX in London, the UK's biggest screen, will host the special screening of the film on October 19, the concluding day of the 2025 London Film Festival.